

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Holy Scriptures"

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"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16)

"We have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of men, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." (2 Peter 1:19-21)

Matthew Henry wrote: "Scripture is a Divine revelation which we may depend upon as infallibly true. The same Spirit that breathed life also breathed revelation among us. The apostles and the prophets did not speak for themselves, but what they received from the Lord, they delivered unto us."

Noah Webster defines the Holy Scriptures as, "The supernatural influence of the Holy Spirit of God on the human mind, by which prophets and apostles and sacred writers were qualified to set forth Divine truth without any mixture of error."

All sixty-six books of the Bible as originally given are God-breathed. In the Greek this literally means a prod-

uct of Divine operation. It is popular to doubt the authenticity of the Bible. Doubt is nothing new. It is found on the lips of Satan in the earliest chapters of the Bible. His deception to Eve is the same to all, "Did God really say...?" (Genesis 3:1) He is very successful in causing people to question, "Is the Bible truly God's Word?"

Even religious authors and motivational speakers seldom refer to Scripture. They overlook the apostle Paul's exhortation to Timothy to "Preach the Word." (2 Timothy 4: 1-2)

People who question the Word of God have mental reservation about its authority. They never become interested in reading, studying, or sur-

rendering to what the Bible says.

People who accept the Bible to be Divinely inspired come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. They come to understand God's will for them. They discover that the Bible has guidance in how to live a life of righteousness. They find direction for every part of human life, ranging from finances to running a Biblical Church.

It has been said that "The Bible is one of the most ancient of books and yet the most modern. The human soul can never outgrow it. Bread is the most ancient of foods and yet the most modern. As long as men are hungry they will want bread for the body; and as long as men yearn for God and for things eternal they will want the Bible."

Jesus said, "...Man shall not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

Humble obedience to the Bible will keep you from sin and lead you in a life of righteousness or sin will keep you from the Word of God. Feed yourself God's Word and come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Consequently, "...Faith comes by hearing, [or reading] and hearing [or reading] by the word of God." (Romans 10: 17)

The Right Influence



Who says dogs and cats can't get along? It's all in how they are raised.

The same is true in our relationships with one another. Given the right influences in our early years, we learn respect and tolerance, friendliness and forgiveness.

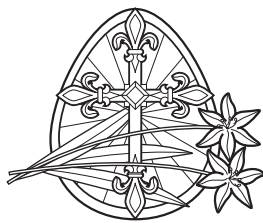
Our house of worship can have a considerable influence on our children - and on us! As part of our religious education, we learn that relationships with others are an expression of our relationship with God. Our love of God is reflected in how we treat others. As Peter says, "...live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic, love as brothers..." (1 Peter 3:8)

Worship together as a family every week, be influenced by God's love!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 John 3.11-24	1 John 4.7-21	1 John 5.1-21	Psalm 51	Psalm 36	2 John	3 John

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