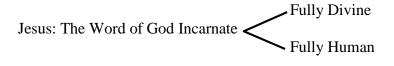
"Knowing God Through Knowing His Word" 2 Timothy 3:14-17 8/16/15

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| A Classic Passage: 2 Timothy 3:14-17 |
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| "You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them." (v. 14) |
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| "And that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (v. 15) |
| The OT (v. 15) and the NT (v. 14) |
| The Purpose of Scripture: Part 1 |
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| "All Scripture is inspired by God" (v. 16) |
| Theopneustos |
| "breathed out by God" |
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| "All Scripture is God-breathed" (v. 16) |
| Therefore all Scripture is the Word of God |
| The Word of God in human words |
| God Speaks to Us in and through His Word |

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A Helpful Analogy

The Word of God incarnate and written:



The Bible: The Word of God Written $\left\langle \begin{array}{c} \text{Fully Divine} \\ \text{Fully Human} \end{array} \right.$

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"All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable" (v. 16)

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"All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness" (v.16)

teaching = What to believe

reproof = What not to believe

correction = What not to do

training in righteousness = What to do

"Scripture is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice."

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"in order that the man of God may be fully qualified, equipped for every good work." (v. 17)

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Sola Scriptura

The *only* final authority

"Any other place outside the Bible has become too uncertain for me. I fear that I will only encounter some divine double of myself there." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

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Discipleship, Discipline and Knowing Scripture

Read - Understand - Reflect - Ask for the Holy Spirit's Help

Daily

"Every day in which I do not penetrate more deeply into the knowledge of God's Word in Holy Scripture is a lost day for me." (Bonhoeffer)

Have a Plan

Psalms - a Gospel - Another Biblical Book

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THE GREAT GIFT OF THE WORD OF GOD

What Can You Do But Devour It?

Know God Through Knowing His Word!