



“Discipleship Training Program”

Christianity 101 - Lesson One

The Word of God

Memory Text Scripture

II Timothy 3:16 *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”*

Why Should I Study?

- It is the Word of **God** to **man**
 - **Psalms 19:7-9** *“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.”*
- It is **alive** and **active**
 - **Hebrews 4:12** *“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*
- It effectually **works** in those that **believe**
 - **I Thessalonians 2:13** *“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.”*
- It is good for **doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction**
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Concerning the Old Testament and New Testament, it is well said:

- The New is in the Old contained and the Old is in the New explained. Each is complete, but one cannot be understood without the other. Scripture is its own interpreter.

How Did We Get Our Bible?

The Bible was given by inspiration of the Spirit of God – The **Spirit** produced the **Word**,

- **II Timothy 3:15-17** *“And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*
- **II Peter 1:20-21** *“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. ²¹For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”*

God brought infallible revelation through fallible men over a period of **1600** years. The Holy Spirit was the divine author, using about 40 human writers.

- **I Chronicles 28: 11-12, 19** *“Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasures thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat, ¹²And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD,*

and of all the chambers round about, of the treasures of the house of God, and of the treasures of the dedicated things: ¹⁹All this, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern.”

Seven Editions of Divine Law

#1. Written on nature

- Psalm 19:1 “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handywork.”

#2. Written on conscience

- Romans 2:15 “Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;”

#3. Written on Tablets of stone

- Exodus 24:12 “And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.”

#4. Christ the Living Word

- John 1:14 “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

#5. The Entire Scriptures

- Romans 15:4 “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”

#6. Written on the heart

- Hebrews 8:10 “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:”

#7. Christians as Living Epistles

- II Corinthians 3:2-3 “Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: ³Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.”

Why Is Our Bible Divided Into Two Testaments?

Because:

- God’s revelation to man is progressive
 - Isaiah 28:9-13 “Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. ¹⁰For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: ¹¹For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. ¹²To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. ¹³But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.”
- The Old Testament was preparatory to the New Testament.
- The Old Testament set forth the type and shadow of the New Testament church.
 - Hebrews 8:5 “Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for,

See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount."

- **Romans 15:4** "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."
- **Hebrews 10:1** "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect."
- **I Corinthians 10:11** "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

Is Doctrine Important?

The word doctrine means: "**teaching**, instruction or to teach the **substance**."

- **Ephesians 4:14-15** "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

The Scriptures speak of:

- The Doctrine of **God**
 - **Deuteronomy 32:2** "My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass."
 - **Proverbs 4:2** "For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law."
 - **Titus 2:10** "Not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."
- The Doctrine of **Christ**
 - **John 7:16-17** "Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. ¹⁷If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."
 - **II John 9, 10** "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:"
 - **Hebrews 6:1-2** "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, ²Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."
- The Doctrine of **devils**
 - **I Timothy 4:1** "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;"
 - **Revelation 2:14-15; 24** "But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. ¹⁵So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate. ²⁴But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden."
- The Doctrine of **men**

- **Mark 7:7** "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."
- **Ephesians 4:14** "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;"
- **Matthew 16:12** "Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees."
- **The Doctrine of Apostles**
 - **Acts 2:42** "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

It does matter what we study and believe.

- **I Timothy 6:13** "I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;"
- **Titus 2:7-10** "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, ⁸Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you. ⁹Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; ¹⁰Not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."
- **I Timothy 4:6,13,16** "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. ¹³Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. ¹⁶Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

All religions, true and false, are founded on various teachings and doctrines. These doctrines believed, received, and practiced determine:

- **Character** – what we are
- **Action** – what we do
- **Destiny** – where we go

Hence the necessity for being established in the doctrines of God.

- **Titus 2:10** "Not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."
- **Job 11:4** "For thou hast said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes."
- **II Timothy 3:14-17** "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; ¹⁵And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."
- **Titus 1:9** "Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers."

How Should I Study?

- Have a proper **attitude**
- Select a specific **time**
- Choose a special **place**

- **Prayer**

- Get the right **tools**

- A good study Bible, A good concordance, A good dictionary, A good Bible handbook, A good word studies

- Follow a **plan**

- Word Study
 - Choose a word, Define the word, Compare versions, Original definition, Root meaning, Bible usage, Application
- Verse Analysis
 - Choose a verse, Paraphrase, Questions and answers, Cross-reference, Insights, Applications
- Chapter Summary
 - Contents, Chief people, Key verse, Key words, Christ seen, Central truth, Application
- Book Survey
 - Read the book, Make notes, Background study, Diagram chart, Tentative outline, Application

