

SESSION 3: GOD'S WORD AND YOU

What does Trinity Baptist Church believe about the Bible?

"The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error."

We do not _____ the BIBLE, but we can revere and honor it.

What do we learn about God's Word in the following passages?

1. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Profitable for:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____

2. Psalm 19:7-11

a. List words that DESCRIBE the Word of God

- i. _____ (vs. 7)
- ii. _____ (vs. 8)
- iii. _____ (vs. 9)
- iv. _____ (vs. 10)

b. What are the BENEFITS we receive by meditating on God's Word?

- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. _____
- iv. _____
- v. _____
- vi. _____

3. Romans 15:4

- a. Whatever was written in earlier times was written _____
- b. Through _____ and _____ of the Scriptures we might have _____

4. James 1:25

- a. When we look at the Word of God, abiding in it and doing it, we will be _____
in what we do

5. Psalm 1:1-3

When we delight in His word and meditate on it day and night:

- a. He will be like a _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

6. Joshua 1:8

When we meditate on God's word day and night and DO what is written in it:

- a. _____
- b. _____

According to a 2021 Barna Research “State of the Bible” report, about _____% of Americans use the Bible on their own at least 2-3 times per week or more.

WAYS TO GET A BETTER GRASP ON YOUR BIBLE

1. HEARING GOD’S WORD

Bible-centered Congregational Preaching is a Strategic Focus of TBC

Romans 10:17 *“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.”*

John 8:31-32 *“So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly My disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

WAYS TO HEAR GOD’S WORD:

Church Services/Sermon

Daily Audio Bible

You Version (Bible.com)

TBC App (In App Store, search for “Trinity Baptist -Reedsburg”)

Sermonaudio.com

YouTube Sermons (Caution)

How to Improve your Hearing:

- Be ready and eager to hear God

(Jesus) **“He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” (Luke 8:8)**

- Plan ahead
 - Get enough sleep the night before
 - It is OUR responsibility
 - Don’t come into church rushing and late
 - Be prepared and prayed-up, ready to hear so it doesn’t take 15 minutes for your mind to join your body.
- Deal with attitudes that prevent hearing God
 - A closed mind

- A distracted mind—watch out for your phone.
- Confess any sin in your life.

James 1:21 *“Therefore, ridding yourselves of all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.”*

- Take notes and pay attention
- Act on what you hear

James 1:22 *“But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not just hearers who deceive themselves.”*

James 1:25 *“But one who has looked intently at the perfect law, the law of freedom, and has continued in it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an active doer, this person will be blessed in what he does.”*

- Relisten to an impactful message

2. READING GOD’S WORD

- How often should I read God’s Word? _____ **Daily** _____
- What keeps us from being in God’s Word?
- Suggestions:
 - One book at a time—Several times in different translations
 - Read it out loud quietly to yourself
 - Devotional books
 - Reading Plans
 - Car Time
- Reading God’s Word moves us from:
 - _____ to _____
 - _____ to _____
 - _____ to _____
 - _____ to _____
 - _____ to _____
 - _____ to _____

3. MEMORIZE GOD'S WORD

Proverbs 7:2-3 *"Guard my words as your most precious possession. Write them down, and also keep them deep within your heart."*

Benefits of Memorizing Scripture

a. It helps me resist temptation.

Psalm 119:11 *"I have hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you."*

b. It helps me make wise decisions.

Psalm 119:105 *"Your Word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path."*

c. It strengthens me when I'm under stress.

Psalm 119:49 *"...Your promises to me are my hope. They give me strength in all my troubles; how they refresh and revive me!"*

d. It comforts me when I'm sad.

Jeremiah 15:16 *"Your words are what sustain me . . . They bring joy to my sorrowing heart and delight me."*

e. It helps me witness to unbelievers.

1 Peter 3:15 *"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."*

Suggested rate: Make a Personal Goal

THREE KEYS TO MEMORIZING: Review, Review, Review

We remember what is important to us .

Psalm 119:72 *"The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of coins of gold and silver."*

Scripture Memory Course

The following verses suggest a "balance" in Scripture Memory. The verses selected are key verses in understanding the foundations of the Christian Life and Christian Growth. Do not feel tied-down to this suggested list. This is only a tool to lead you in an understanding of the importance of memorizing "key" verses.

Live the New Life:

Christ the Center	2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20
Obedience to Christ	Rom. 12:1; John 14:21
The Word	2 Tim. 3:16; Josh. 1:8
Prayer	John 15:7; Phil. 4:6-7
Fellowship	Matt. 18:20; Heb. 10:24
Witnessing	Matt. 4:19; Rom. 1:16

Proclaim Christ:

All Have Sinned	Rom. 3:23; Is. 53:6
Sin's Penalty	Rom. 6:23; Heb. 9:27
Christ Paid the Penalty	Rom. 5:8; 1 Pet 3:18
Salvation Not by Works	Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5
Must Receive Christ	John 1:12; Rev. 3:20
Assurance of Salvation	1 John 5:13; John 5:24

Rely on God's Resources:

His Spirit	1 Cor. 3:16; 1 Cor. 2:12
His Strength	Is. 41:10; Phil. 4:13
His Faithfulness	Lam. 3:22; Num. 23:19
His Peace	Is. 26:3; 1 Peter 5:7
His Provision	Rom. 8:32; Phil. 4:19
His Help in Temptation	Heb. 2:18; Ps. 119:9, 11

Be Christ's Disciple:

Put Christ First	Matt. 6:33; Luke 9:23
Avoiding Worldliness	1 John 2:15-16; Rom. 12:2
Be Steadfast	1 Cor. 15:58; Heb. 12:3
Serve Others	Mark 10:45; 2 Cor. 4:5
Give Generously	Pr. 3:9-10; 2 Cor. 9:6-7
Develop World Vision	Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:19-20

Grow in Christ Likeness:

Love	John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:18
Humility	Phil. 2:3-4; 1 Peter 5:5-6
Purity	Eph. 5:3; 1 Peter 2:11
Honesty	Lev. 19:11; Acts 24:16
Faith	Heb. 11:6; Rom. 4:20-21
Good Works	Gal. 6:9-10; Matt. 5:16

4. MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

*"(Those) who are always **meditating** on His Laws ... are like trees along a river bank bearing fruit ... they never wither and whatever they do prospers." Ps 1:2-3*

Meditation is **focused thinking** about a Bible verse in order to discover how I can apply its truth to my own life.

Why Meditate on Scripture?

1. It is the key to **becoming** like Christ.

"...Your life is shaped by your thoughts." Proverbs 4:23

*"...Be transformed by the **renewing** of your mind." Romans 12:2*

*"As we...**contemplate** the Lord's glory, we are being transformed into His likeness..." 2 Corinthians 3:18*

2. It is the key to **successful** living.

"...Meditate on (the Word) day and night, so you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." Josh 1:8

Three Ways to Meditate on a Verse

1. **Pronounce it!** Say the verse aloud, each time emphasizing a word/phrase.
John 15:7

2. **Paraphrase it!** Rewrite the verse in your own words.
Philippians 4:6-7

3. **Pray it!** Turn the verse into a prayer and say it back to God.
Ephesians 2:8-9

Why is focused thinking so hard for us Americans?

"Be still, and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10