

ALONE!
Scripture Alone!
2 Timothy 3:16-17

→ ***Alone TV series***

- The History Channel has a TV series called “Alone”



- They have finished SEVEN seasons and season eight will begin in June...
- In the series, 10 individuals are taken to a remote place in some wilderness to survive alone for as long as they can.
- When they think they cannot make it any longer they “tap out” by calling base camp to come get them.
- The last person left wins \$500K to \$1M ...
- They can only take 10 items with them to survive all the elements and predators...

- They will typically take a Ferrol Rod to start fires, knife, ax, or multitool, a sleeping bag, a tarp, fishing line and hooks, bow & arrow, etc...

→ This past Thursday, Carter Collins asked our College Students what they would take if stranded on an Island...

When a person gives their life to Jesus they are transferred from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of God...

We become citizens of heaven and earth is no longer our home...

The Lord has not left us here in this dangerous, dark world to find for ourselves the best we can...

He has given to us the essential gear necessary to not only SURVIVE the harsh environment of this fallen world, but to THRIVE no matter what situation we find ourselves in...

ONE THING

The Lord has given us the ESSENTIAL items NECESSARY to THRIVE in the HARSH environment of this present DARKNESS.

Pic 1 – Scripture Alone

→ ***Martin Luther – April 18, 1521***

Today marks the 500th Anniversary of a very famous event...

A young Catholic monk had been causing quite a stir throughout Europe with his belief that the Bible must be the final authority of our faith and practice...

He rejected the idea that an edict from the pope or a council could add to and even replace clear teachings in Scripture...

His name was Martin Luther...

And on April 18, 1521, before the watching eyes of all Europe, Luther was told to openly reject all of his objections against the pope and the Catholic Church...

An unwillingness to RECANT his writings would certainly deem him a heretic and he would be most certainly killed...

Before this crowd, Luther sealed his fate by making the following statement...

Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. Here I stand, I can do no other. May God help me. Amen

NOTICE Luther's focus...

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This spark fueled what has become known as the Protestant Reformation...

At its core, the Reformation was a “back to the Bible” movement.

Today we are going to look briefly at FOUR things regarding the Bible...

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV) — All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

1. The AUTHORITY of Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16a (ESV) — All Scripture is breathed out by God ...

Θεόπνευστος - Theopneustos

The combination of two words...

Theo – God

Pneustos – spirit/breath

God-breathed... a communication which has been inspired by God—‘inspired by God, divinely inspired.’

Jesus declares the writings of Moses to be the Word of God...

Mark 7:9–13 (ESV) — And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban” ’ (that is, given to God)— then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

The Apostle Peter, when preaching the first sermon on the Day of Pentecost, quotes from the prophet Joel, but adds a very important piece...

Acts 2:16–17 (ESV) — But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams

Jesus said that He came to fulfill all the Scriptures and follow the Father’s will...

Matthew 5:17–18 (ESV) — Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Peter makes this declaration about the Bible...

2 Peter 1:21 (ESV) — For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Authority of the Bible is derived from its Author!

1. The AUTHORITY of Scripture

2. The APPROACH to Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV) — All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, ... and for training in righteousness

... and profitable...

ὄφελος – ophelos

pertaining to a benefit to be derived from some object, event, or state—‘advantage, benefit, beneficial.’

Hebrews 4:12 (ESV) — For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

... for teaching, ... and for training in righteousness...

This teaching and training in righteousness is not something derived through simple Bible Studies, but comes through the guidance of the Holy Spirit...

1 Corinthians 2:14 (ESV) — The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

We Approach the Bible through the guidance of the Holy Spirit!

1. The AUTHORITY of Scripture

2. The APPROACH to Scripture

3. The ANTAGONISTS against Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV) — All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for ... reproof, for correction ...

The first antagonist is the FLESH (SINFUL NATURE)

Galatians 5:17 (ESV) — For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

Romans 7:21–23 (ESV) — So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and

making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

The second antagonist is the kingdom of darkness...

Genesis 3:1–5 (ESV) — Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” ... But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

The Bible will either keep you from the devil, or the devil will keep you from the Bible!

1. The AUTHORITY of Scripture

2. The APPROACH to Scripture

3. The ANTAGONISTS against Scripture

4. The APPLICATION of Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV) — All Scripture is breathed out by God ... that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

When Jesus was begin tempted by the devil, He quoted the Bible back against each temptation...

Matthew 4:3 (ESV) — And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

Matthew 4:4 (ESV) — But he answered, “It is written, “ ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

Joshua 1:8 (ESV) — This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Psalms 119:105 (ESV) — Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

→ Martin Luther – April 18, 1521

500 years ago today, Martin Luther sealed the fate, not only for himself, but for millions of people in the future...

As he was on his way back to Wittenberg, Germany, he was taken captive by a group of men...

His hands were tied and a sack was thrown over his head...

In this moment he knew he was being taken to be killed...

However, Frederick III, ruler over the province of Germany where Luther taught, had it appear that Luther was captured...

In reality Luther was taken to Frederick's castle where he translated the New Testament into German...

For the first time, the German believers could read Scriptures in their own language...

Others had done similar types of things...

sic enim dilexit Deus mundum ut Filium suum unigenitum daret ut omnis qui credit in eum non pereat sed habeat vitam aeternam

John 3:16 (ESV) — For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

The Reformation was not a new INNOVATION to the Christian faith, but rather a clear RESTORATION of the Christian faith!

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**The Lord has given us the _____ items _____ to
_____ in the _____ environment of this present
_____.**

1. The _____ of Scripture

2. The _____ to Scripture

3. The _____ against Scripture

4. The _____ of Scripture