

The Place of Scripture in the Life of the Believer
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Psalm 19 and 119

The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.

Isaiah 40:8

For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Matthew 5:18

They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

Luke 24:32

Jesus said in prayer to His Father *Your Word is truth. Sanctify them in truth.*

John 17:17

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

Romans 15:4

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.

2 Timothy 3:15

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

Hebrews 4:12-13

Scripture is the standard, the scale, the measure of all creeds, confessions and conduct.

While we hold the doctrines of men, the councils of churches, the decisions of divines to be considered, respected and appreciated, the place of Scripture is clear: Supreme.

The first words of an updated version of the Westminster Confession (originally formulated 1640's, one hundred years after the KJV of the Bible) is substantiated by over 50 references to Scripture to substantiate its claims. It reads like this:

Our natural understanding and the works of creation and providence so clearly show God's goodness, wisdom, and power that human beings have no excuse for not believing in Him. However, these means alone cannot provide that knowledge of God and of His will which is necessary for salvation. Therefore it pleased the Lord at different times and in various ways to reveal Himself and to declare that this revelation contains His will for His church. Afterwards it pleased God to put this entire revelation into writing so that the truth might be better preserved and transmitted and that the church, confronted with the corruption of the flesh and the evil purposes of Satan and the world might be more securely established and comforted. Since God no longer reveals Himself to His people in those earlier ways, Holy Scripture is absolutely essential.

*The Westminster Confession of Faith
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Daniel Webster (1782-1852), outspoken statesman and renowned orator, was a U.S. Senator from Massachusetts had this to say about God and His Word:

If God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain ascendancy. If evangelical literature does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will. If the power of the Gospel is not felt through the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness will reign without mitigation or end.