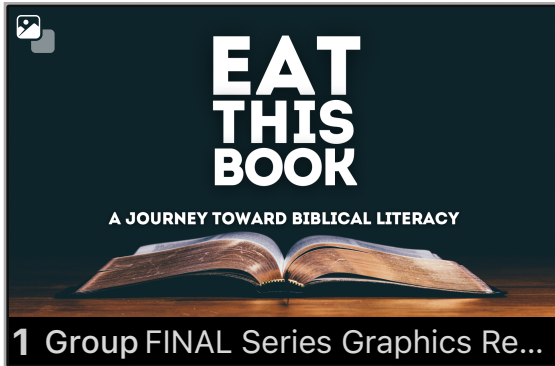


2024_2_25 The Bible and Life Transformation



This is why we constantly thank God, because when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you welcomed it not as a human message, but as it truly is, the word of God, which also works effectively in you who believe.

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For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of God's churches in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, since you have also suffered the same things from people of your own country, just as they did from the Jews who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and persecuted us.

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They displease God and are hostile to everyone, by keeping us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. As a result, they are constantly filling up their sins to the limit, and wrath has overtaken them at last.
1 Thessalonians 2v13-16 (CSB)

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The Word was received.

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The Word was transformational.

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The Word was imitated.

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God's Word has the power to transform your life.

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Four reasons why Scripture must be a way of life:

1. The Word of God is the "seed" of life.

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Since you have purified yourselves by your obedience to the truth, so that you show sincere brotherly love for each other, from a pure heart love one another constantly, because you have been born again—

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not of perishable seed but of imperishable—through the living and enduring word of God. For All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like a flower of the grass.

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The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever. And this word is the gospel that was proclaimed to you.
1 Peter 1v22-25 (CSB)

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2. The Word of God is nourishment for life.

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Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.
1 Peter 2v2 (CSB)

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3. The Word of God exposes and redeems our sin and brokenness.

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Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. Because if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like someone looking at this own face in a mirror. For he looks at himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of person he was.
James 1v23-25 (CSB)

16

For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow, sprinkling those who are defiled, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ,

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who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works so that we can serve the living God?
Hebrews 9v13-14 (CSB)

18

How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping your word. I have sought you with all my heart; don't let me wander from your commands. I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you.
Psalm 119v9-11 (CSB)

19

Concerning what people do: by the words from your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps are on your paths; my feet have not slipped.
Psalm 17v4-5 (CSB)

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4. The Word of God is protection from spiritual warfare.

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Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist...
Ephesians 6v14 (CSB)

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You have been adopted as God's child – Eph 1v5
The Spirit of God (his presence and power) dwells in me – 1
Cor. 3v16
Jesus calls me friend – John 15v15
I have been redeemed through God's grace – Eph 1v7
I have been given fullness in Christ – Col 2v10

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The Lord renews my strength – Is 40v29
God is pleased with how he made me – Gen 1v31
I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a
sound mind – 2 Tim 1v7
God loves me – Gal 2v20

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The Word of God has the power to transform your life.

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God's Word is thus God speaking to us from his heart.
Robert Saucy

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The way that we live is the best and final measure of the
effectiveness of our Bible reading. God has revealed himself to
us through the Bible that we might become like Jesus.
Dr. Ray Lubeck

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