

The Keavy Encourager

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (GW)-We encourage you, brothers and sisters, to instruct those who are not living right, cheer up those who are discouraged, help the weak, and be patient with everyone.

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WELCOME TO THE KEAVY CHURCH OF CHRIST!

- Visitors: Please fill out a visitor card and grab a Visitor Welcome Kit!
- Communion is available in the front of the building on the table.
- Our website is: www.keavychurchofchrist.com, and our email address is keavychurchofchrist@outlook.com Please share this information with your family, friends, and social media pages!

October Prayer List

Kurt And Joanne Martin, Sanders Family, Eddie Craft (Cancer), Jimmy Brooks (Tammy's cousin, cancer), Kathy Mingus (Cancer), Anne Baker (Cancer), Larry and Sandi Tabata, Bill and Mary Ruth Browning, David and Ivy Mosley, Molly And Ebb Baker, Margie Turner (Hospice), Jake Robbins (Cancer), Carl Peachtree, Coy Gilliam (Cancer), Roger and Sandra Frazier, Carman Carroll, Bessie Young, Barbara Hale, Melinda Howard, Ann Phelps, Tracy Johnson, Ivy Family (Brother & Sister), Juanita House, Bruce House, Gerald Morris, Geneva Oliver, Nathan & Patty McDaniel, Edward Young Sr., Elise Allen, Ed Young, Brooklyn Martin (New Christian), Roy Lung, Mr Collett (Kin To Sister Phyllis Sanders), Ashley West (Lost Loved Ones), Mike Clayton (Liver Transplant) Corbin Junior Pennington (New Christian), Dennis White Family (Lost Loved Ones), Larry & Rosetta Short (Sister Marlene's Brother & Sister In Law), Sue Joseph, Tommy Joseph, Darrell Hall, Joe Williams, Jamie Anderson, Shawn McCracken (New Christian), Justin Combs, Tim Williams (Sick), Debbie Myers, Richard Baker, John Reeder (Cancer), Harmony Mullins, Richard Eubanks, Pam Worley And Family, Eryn Barrett, Aileen Smith, Bob Bowling Family (Lost Loved Ones), John Reeder, Mike Gill (Cancer), Claude Humphrey (Cancer)

- Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the fellowship meal after morning services!
- We will not have Foundations Bible Class after morning service today.

- Potters Gleaner Cans are available. Please take one and help those in need.

Proverbs 16:20-33 (ERV)-Good things happen to those who learn from their experiences, and the LORD blesses those who trust him. [21](#) People will know if someone is wise. Those who choose their words carefully can be very convincing. [22](#) Good sense is a spring of fresh water to those who have it, but fools can offer only foolishness. [23](#) Wise people always think before they speak, so what they say is worth listening to. [24](#) Kind words are like honey; they are easy to accept and good for your health. [25](#) There is a way that seems right to people, but that way leads only to death. [26](#) The thought of hunger keeps the workers working so that they can eat. [27](#) Troublemakers create disasters. Their advice destroys like a wildfire. [28](#) Troublemakers are always causing problems. Their gossip breaks up the closest of friends. [29](#) Cruel people trick their neighbors and make them do wrong. [30](#) With a wink of the eye, they plan to trick someone. With a grin, they make plans to hurt their friends. [31](#) Gray hair is a crown of glory on people who have lived good lives. It is earned by living right. [32](#) It is better to be patient than to be a strong soldier. It is better to control your anger than to capture a city. [33](#) People might throw lots to make a decision, but the answer always comes from the LORD.

Studies In Mormonism (Two)

(More Bible studies available @ www.marktabata.com)

It is written:

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17-ALL SCRIPTURE *IS* GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, AND *IS* PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, 17 THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE COMPLETE, THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.

In this passage, Paul tells us about the value of Scripture. Notice the four-fold description of the profitability of the Word of God.

“The opponents are teaching commandments that come from demons (1 Tim 4:1) through people (Titus 1:14). Scripture, on the other hand, Paul says, comes straight from God, and therefore Timothy can trust it to equip and train him to do his work as an evangelist (cf. Kelly, 203)....“The four prepositional phrases may form two groups, the first dealing with doctrine (“ orthodoxy”) and the second with behavior (“ orthopraxy”). They are also chiasmic in structure: (a) Scripture instructs positively in doctrine and (b) convicts heresy;

likewise Scripture (b) corrects improper behavior and (a) educates positively in righteous behavior. Spicq (2: 788–89) explains the four phrases as (a) Scripture is the only true source for pastoral and doctrinal teaching, (b) Scripture is the best ammunition for rebuking the false teachers, (c) Scripture will not only stop the deviations of the false teachers but straighten out and improve the condition, and (d) Scripture is necessary for the training of truly virtuous Christians.” (William D. Mounce, *Pastoral Epistles*, Volume 46 (Word Biblical Commentary), 569-570 (Kindle Edition); Grand Rapids, Michigan; Zondervan)

The Scriptures claim to be able to provide us with what we need for: doctrine (good teaching); reproof (correcting bad teaching); correction (correcting bad living and habits); and instruction in righteousness (teaching good living and habits).

It also claims to be “inspired.” What does this mean?

The Greek phrase used here literally means “God-breathed.” Notice how this is described for us in Peter’s Epistle:

2 PETER 1:20-21-KNOWING THIS FIRST, THAT NO PROPHECY OF SCRIPTURE IS OF ANY PRIVATE INTERPRETATION,²¹ FOR PROPHECY NEVER CAME BY THE WILL OF MAN, BUT HOLY MEN OF GOD SPOKE *AS THEY WERE* MOVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Speaking of the grammar of this text, we learn:

“The Bible is not the product of man but is rather God-inspired (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Inspiration does not mean the biblical writer just felt enthusiastic, like the composer of “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Nor does it mean the writings are necessarily inspiring to read, like an uplifting poem. The biblical Greek word for inspiration literally means “God-breathed.” Because Scripture is breathed out by God—because it originates from Him—it is true and inerrant....“The Holy Spirit infallibly worked through each of these writers, through their individual styles, to inerrantly communicate His message to humankind. Second Peter 1:21 provides a key insight regarding the human-divine interchange in the process of inspiration. This verse informs us that “prophecy [or Scripture] never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” The phrase carried along in this verse literally means “forcefully borne along.” Even though human beings were used in the process of writing down God’s Word, they were all literally “borne along” by the Holy Spirit. The human wills of the authors were not the originators of God’s message. God did not permit the will of sinful human beings to misdirect or erroneously record His message. Put another

way, God moved and the prophet mouthed these revelational truths. Indeed, God revealed and man recorded His Word to humankind. Interestingly, the Greek word for "carried along" in 2 Peter 1:21 is the same as that found in Acts 27:15-17. In this passage the experienced sailors could not navigate the ship because the wind was so strong. The ship was being driven, directed, and carried along by the wind. This is similar to the Spirit's driving, directing, and carrying the human authors of the Bible as He wished. The word is a strong one, indicating the Spirit's complete superintendence of the human authors. Just as the sailors were active on the ship (though the wind, not the sailors, ultimately controlled the ship's movement), so the human authors were active in writing as the Spirit directed. This assures us that biblical prophecy truly did derive from God, and not mere human beings." (Ron Rhodes, *The Popular Dictionary of Bible Prophecy: More than 350 Terms and Concepts Defined by Ron Rhodes, 1405-1421* (Kindle Edition); Eugene, Oregon; Harvest House Publishers)

Other Scriptures bear out these same truths:

2 SAMUEL 23:2-THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD SPOKE BY ME, AND HIS WORD *WAS* ON MY TONGUE.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:13-THESE THINGS WE ALSO SPEAK, NOT IN WORDS WHICH MAN'S WISDOM TEACHES BUT WHICH THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES, COMPARING SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH SPIRITUAL.

(Cf.: Exodus 4:15; Isaiah 30:8; 51:16; Jeremiah 1:9; 30:2; Ezekiel 3:10; Habakkuk 2:2; Matthew 10:19-20; Mark 13:11-13; Revelation 1:11)

If the Bible is the Word of God, and if the Bible claims to be the fully inspired and all-sufficient Word of God, then the Bible is the fully inspired and all-sufficient Word of God. The Bible is the Word of God (evidences from numerous fields may be adduced to support this contention), and the Bible claims to be the fully inspired and all-sufficient Word of God. Therefore, the Bible is the fully inspired and all-sufficient Word of God.

Now, sometimes it is claimed that no one in the early church knew which Books belonged in the category of inspired Books. However, the facts show that the Apostles and early Christians understood the New Testament Books to be sacred and Divinely given.

"The apostles imposed their writings. Since the apostles were aware of their authoritative office it is reasonable to think that they intended to write books that would guide the church under that authority....Imposition can be seen in the commands that letters be

circulated among the churches, even read publically in worship meetings (1 Thess. 5:27; Col. 4:16; Rev. 1:3)....“Imposition is more subtle in other letters, yet it can still be seen. It was already mentioned that Peter wrote to “the pilgrims of the Dispersion” scattered broadly throughout five different regions (1 Pet. 1:1). James also wrote “to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad” (Jam. 1:1). These are not the words of apostles writing to individual churches. It is reasonable to think that the apostles intended their letters to be widely distributed (i.e. imposed throughout regions)....“The best and earliest example of apostolic imposition comes from the Bible itself. In Acts 15 we read that letters were written containing the decision of the apostles and elders at the close of the first Jerusalem Council (v. 23). Their decision was just not verbally imposed upon the church (v. 27) but circulated through written letters (v. 20, 23). [47] This set a clear precedence from the beginning. A written letter from an apostle (or apostles) was just as authoritative as if the commands were given in person by an apostle. To receive a written letter from an apostle was equal to a visit (cf. 3 John 13–14). Furthermore, spreading info this way was very useful. Written letters helped when making a trip in person was not possible (cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:2). It also helped reach a wider audience more quickly with an important message. Thus the apostles imposed their authority via written communication.” (Norman Geisler & Shawn Nelson, Evidence of an Early New Testament Canon, 269-295 (Kindle Edition); Matthews, NC; Bastion Books)

Consider that in 1 Timothy, Paul quotes from the New Testament and calls it Scripture!

1 TIMOTHY 5:18-FOR THE SCRIPTURE SAYS, "YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE AN OX WHILE IT TREADS OUT THE GRAIN," AND, "THE LABORER IS WORTHY OF HIS WAGES."

DEUTERONOMY 25:4-"YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE AN OX WHILE IT TREADS OUT *THE GRAIN*.

LUKE 10:7-AND REMAIN IN THE SAME HOUSE, EATING AND DRINKING SUCH THINGS AS THEY GIVE, FOR THE LABORER IS WORTHY OF HIS WAGES. DO NOT GO FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE.

Peter himself refers to the Writings of Paul as “Scripture.”

2 PETER 3:16-AS ALSO IN ALL HIS EPISTLES, SPEAKING IN THEM OF THESE THINGS, IN WHICH ARE SOME THINGS HARD TO UNDERSTAND, WHICH UNTAUGHT AND UNSTABLE *PEOPLE* TWIST TO THEIR OWN DESTRUCTION, AS *THEY DO* ALSO THE REST OF THE SCRIPTURES.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Sunday Lessons

Adult Bible Class: Through The Gospels

Teenage Bible Class: Proof That The Bible Is The Word Of God

Middle School Class: Heroes Of The Bible

Bible Class And Sermon Notes