

## GOD'S WORD: THE FINAL AUTHORITY

As we learned in the previous study on Salvation, our faith is based on a personal relationship with God. This was provided through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. But because we are imperfect creatures, God has given us His written Word, the Bible, to guide us in every area of life.

The accuracy of today's direct translations of the Bible have been found to be very accurate. These compilations have been confirmed by many historically preserved writings from both the Old & New Testaments. Even secular historians who were alive in New Testament days have confirmed the authenticity of the texts that we read today. The fluidity of the thoughts, laws and principles of the Bible are amazing. You can truly see God's leading of the Holy Spirit throughout all of His Word as you read and meditate on it.

1. 2 Timothy 3:16 Since The Bible is considered to be our "Final Authority", is all of it considered to be 100% accurate?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

The literal definition of "Inspired" is God-breathed!

2. Matthew 4:4 According to Jesus, how important did He consider God's Word?

Answer: It is more important than our \_\_\_\_\_

3. Psalm 119:105 What are two descriptive words in regards to the power found in God's Word and how it guides us?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Now let's look at how Jesus is compared to God's Word

4. John 1:1-3a, 14 What is Jesus Called?

Answer: Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_

In John 1:1 we read that in the beginning was the Word. In the book of Genesis Adam & Eve were confronted regarding the validity of God's Word by the "Serpent".

5. Genesis 3:2-7 What was the direct lie said by the Serpent to Eve which totally contradicted God's Word of instruction?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Notice how Eve justified her sin of desiring (or lusting) after the fruit. This sin of Adam and Eve started a genetic curse that would be passed on to all generations until the time of Jesus.

6. John 17:17 If Adam & Eve had decided to obey God's Word what would they have realized?

Answer: God's Word is \_\_\_\_\_

7. Hebrews 4:12 Is God's Word just a list of rules and laws of Dos & Don'ts? Describe God's Word.

Answer: \_\_\_ God's Word is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

8. John 6:63b What are two attributes of God's Word?

Answer: They are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

9. John 14:6 Since we know that the Bible says that God's Word is truth and that Jesus is the Living Word, what three things describe Jesus here?

Answer: "I am the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_"

Notice that Jesus is not just 'a' way, 'a' truth, 'a' life, but rather He is described with definite articles: THE way, THE truth, THE life. This reveals that He is truly God and He is also the only means by which we can come into an eternal relationship with God.

10. John 8:32 Although the truth of God's Word involve facts and information, it can also be seen that truth contains:

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

11. John 4:24 God's Word is much deeper than head-knowledge. What attribute of His deity is inside of us and is even necessary for us to worship Him?

Answer: His \_\_\_\_\_

And because we have His Holy Spirit in us we can worship from our hearts, knowing that is where His Spirit lives!

God's Word is the basis and foundation of everything that we believe in. Without it we could easily go astray from what is actually right or wrong. In the Old Testament are God's laws by which His people were required to live by. With the exception of the sacrificing of animals and cleansing types of laws, we as Christians are still required to abide by these laws.

12. Matthew 5:17 What did Jesus say that He came to do regarding the Law?

Answer: He did not come to \_\_\_\_\_ the Law, but rather to \_\_\_\_\_ it

So God's Word (His Laws) is more like "A Description of Reality" by which to guide us and protect us!

13. Galatians 5:16 At times it seems difficult to follow God's laws and His ways.

But if we have a daily personal relationship with Him what will we be practicing that will help us to abide by these laws?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

There are mainly two types of God's Word in scripture, and each one has a different definition that applies to the context of the passage:

Logos: The intelligent expression of God through words

Rhema: The revealed, deeper truth of God's Word

14. Romans 10:17 The Rhema version is used here for the Word of God. Based upon that, what will occur when you hear God's Word?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_ to us

15. Psalm 1:1-3 In order to be blessed and prosper in all of our ways, what must we do?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_ on God's laws and His Words

16. Proverbs 4:20-23 What are four ways by which we meditate on God's Word?

Answer: 1) Give \_\_\_\_\_ to it 2) \_\_\_\_\_ to it 3) \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ it 4) Watch over your \_\_\_\_\_ with it

17. Romans 12:2 In order to prove or show what the good and acceptable and perfect will of God is for our lives, what must we do?

Answer: Be \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of your mind

18. Ephesians 5:26-27 In order for the Church to be sanctified, (set apart for His service), and cleansed, what must we do?

Answer: Be \_\_\_\_\_ by the water of the Word of God

In a sense, this is like a spiritual brainwashing that occurs day by day as we meditate on God's Word.

19. James 2: 17,20 What does God call faith that has no corresponding action?

Answer: Faith without \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_

20. Matthew 7:24-27; Luke 6:47-49 In order to be a person with a Good Foundation what must we do in addition to hearing God's word or instruction?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

We have found in this study that the cornerstone of our faith is God's Word (The Bible), and Jesus is the revealed, living Word! There are hundreds of scriptures to choose from to use for your essay, but here are a few cross

references to get you started: John 15:7-8; All of Psalm 119, including verses 9,25,34,60,89,103,133,148,151,160,165

Essay:

## Answers:

1. Yes
2. Food
3. Lamp, light
4. Word
5. You surely shall not die
6. Truth
7. Living, active
8. Spirit, life
9. Way, Truth, Life
10. Relationship
11. Spirit
12. Abolish, fulfill
13. Walk by the Spirit
14. Faith comes
15. Meditate
16. 1) Attention 2) Listen 3) Look at/read 4) Heart
17. Transformed, renewing
18. Washed
19. Works, dead
20. Act upon them