

Ancient Writings for Modern Life

Paul just told them about how Israel fell into sin and idolatry

- 1Co 10:11-12 ESV Now these things happened to them as an example, ***but they were written down for our instruction***, on whom the end of the ages has come. 12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

Paul discusses how to endure differences in non-essential issues -- scripture imparts heart of God

- Rom 15:2-5 ESV Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. 3 For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and ***through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope***. 5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,

Joh 20:30-31 ESV Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but ***these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ***, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

2Ti 3:14-17 ESV But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is ***breathed out by God*** and profitable for **teaching**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, and for **training in righteousness**, 17 that the man of God may be ***competent, equipped for every good work***.

- Doctrine - instruction (the function or the information) - DO as well as KNOW
- Reproof - proof, conviction: - evidence, reproof. (faith evidence of things not seen---same word)
- Correction - a straightening up again, that is, (figuratively) rectification (reformation)
- Training in Righteousness - education or training; disciplinary correction: How To Live

How Do We Interact With the Scriptures?

Ezr 7:10 ESV For Ezra had ***set his heart*** to **study** the Law of the LORD, and **to do it** and **to teach** his statutes and rules in Israel.

HIS HEART - as we talked about last week this is the core of the person - the inner source of motivation...He set his HEART to study (some versions say SEEK)

STUDY - A primitive root; properly to *tread* or *frequent*; usually to *follow* (for pursuit or search); by implication to *seek* or *ask*; specifically to **worship**: (worship - maybe denotes the attitude of heart with which we seek)

- Act 17:11-12 ESV Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, ***examining the Scriptures*** daily to see if these things were so. 12 **Many of them therefore believed**, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men.

TO DO IT - A primitive root; to do or make, in the broadest sense and widest application: - accomplish, be at, bring forth, be busy, commit, do, execute (-ion), exercise, fulfil, be industrious, journey, keep, labour, maintain, observe, be occupied, perform, practise, yield, use

- Jas 1:22 ESV But be ***doers*** of the word, and ***not hearers only***, deceiving yourselves.

TO TEACH - A primitive root; properly to goad, that is, (by implication) to teach - instruct

- 2Ti 2:2 ESV and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.