

The Bible and the Believer

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- ***How important should the Bible be to us? What role should the Bible play in the life of the believer?***

1 Peter 2:2

"like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation."

1 Peter 2:2 tells us that the word of God should be as important to us as milk is to newborn babies. Without the regular intake of milk newborn babies become anemic and malnourished. Without the regular intake of the pure milk of God's word, we will be left anemic and suffering from spiritual mal-nourishment. As the Holy Spirit is like water, essential for life, so the word of God is, like food, essential for spiritual growth. This week we will discover how important the Bible is in the believer's life and how it should affect our attitudes and actions.

The Bible's Reliability for the believer's life:

- ***What do the following verses reveal about the reliability of the Bible? (What characterizes the Scripture?)***

Matthew 24:35

1 Peter 1:23-25

Jeremiah 23:29

Hebrews 4:12

Matthew 4:4

1 Timothy 3:16

John 17:17

Luke 24:27/John 5:46-47

We need to take time to recognize that the Bible is God's authoritative, powerful, and eternal word. It is the truth! It nourishes us and points us to Christ. It is definitely reliable

and essential for our lives! It shouldn't be sitting neatly on a shelf, but we should actually be doing something with it.

The Bible's Role in the believer's life:

- ***What do the following verses say about the role of the Bible in the believer's life?***

Read 2 Timothy 3:15-17

- It gives us _____ that leads to _____ (3:15).
- It is useful for: (3:16)
 - _____: (Instruction of doctrinal content/truth).
 - _____: (Telling us when we stray from the truth).
 - _____: (Telling us how to return to the truth).
 - _____: (Instruction in godly behavior/how to stay on the path of the truth).
- It makes us thoroughly _____ for every good work (3:17).

Psalm 119:9-11

Psalm 119:105

Ephesians 6:17

1 Peter 2:2

Clearly the Bible plays an important role in the life of the Believer!

The Right Attitude of the believer toward the Bible:

- ***So what should be our attitude toward the Bible?***
- ***What do the following verses teach regarding the proper attitude of the believer toward the Bible?***

Colossians 3:16-17As it dwells richly in us, we should be _____.

Jeremiah 15:16As we consume it, we should be _____.

Psalm 119:31We should _____ for it.

1 John 5:13It should not be _____ for us to obey it.

The Resulting Action of the believer toward the Bible:

- *What do the following verses teach regarding the proper action of the believer toward the Bible?*

Romans 10:17

Revelation 1:3

2 Timothy 2:15

Acts 17:11

Psalm 1:2

Psalm 119:60

James 1:22-25

Application:

- *What is your attitude toward the Bible and how are you using it in your life?*