

The Necessity of Scripture

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TEXT - Ps. 119:41-48

1. Scripture is necessary for knowledge of the Gospel (See Rom. 10:13-17). The bible is necessary for salvation because a person must either read or hear the Gospel message in order to call upon the name of the Lord for salvation. According to this passage, without the preaching of the Gospel of Christ, no one can be saved.

Jn. 3:18; Acts 4:12

1 Tim. 2:5-6; 1 Cor. 15:1-4

Heb. 11:13; Jn. 8:56

Gen. 3:15

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Wayne Grudem—*Old Testament believers had saving faith in Christ, to whom they looked forward, not with exact knowledge of the historical details of Christ's life, but with great faith in the absolute reliability of God's word of promise.*

2. Scripture is necessary for growth in Christ (Matt. 4:4). Almighty God spoke these instructions to Israel through Moses and Jesus declared these very words while resisting Satan's temptation to turn stones into bread in order to feed Himself after fasting for 40 days. God's people during OT times as well as followers of Christ today, must live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Deut. 32:46-47

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1 Pet. 2:1-3

Ps. 119:9-11, 15-16

Matt. 5:6

3. Scripture is necessary for having certain knowledge of God's will (Ps. 119:105). People may have an idea of what God may want or a basic sense of right and wrong through their conscience, but they can only come to a place of certainty about God's will through the clear message of Scripture.

1 Thess. 4:3-7; 1 Thess. 5:16-18

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Deut. 29:29

Mk. 12:30-31; Gal. 5:19-24

***** Scripture is not necessary for knowing that God exists, or knowing something about His character and moral Laws (Rom. 1:18-21).** We can obtain knowledge that God exists, and know of some of His attributes by observing ourselves and the world around us. This is known as general revelation. Through general revelation we have the records of creation or nature, and the record of conscience.

Ps. 19:1

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Acts 14:16-17

Rom. 2:14-16

Matthew Henry—*There is a day set for a general judgment. The judgment of that day will be put into the hands of Jesus Christ. Nothing speaks more terror to sinners, or more comfort to saints, than this, that Christ shall be the Judge. The secrets of men shall then be judged. That will be the great discovering day.*

Walking

It Out:

Daily feed on the scriptures so that we can:

*Preach the Gospel to ourselves and share it with others

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***Grow in our relationship with Christ**

***Walk more accurately in God's will. Deut. 32:47**

Questions for reflection and application

- 1.What are 3 major areas Scripture is necessary for?**
- 2.What is the Gospel? Rom. 1:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:1-3; Jn. 3:16-17**
- 3.Discuss the role God's word plays in spiritual growth. Ps. 119:9-11; James 1:22-24**
- 4.What role does God's word play in knowing God's will? Rom. 12:2**
- 5.Since God expects us to apply His word, what do you believe God is calling you to believe or do based on this study? Share w 1 person nearby. Close with prayer.**