



Our Instruction Manual - The Bible

Key idea:

Where do we learn how to glorify God and enjoy Him forever? In His Word, the Bible.

Key text:

2 Timothy 3:12–17

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Key points:

1. Many people will oppose or attempt to deceive us in our pursuit to glorify and enjoy God forever.
2. The Scripture is where we learn how to glorify and enjoy God.
3. The central message of all Scripture is how we find salvation through faith in Christ.
4. The source of Scripture is God Himself. It is not the opinions of humans but the very revelation and Word of God and is therefore an inerrant guide.
5. The Bible is useful to teach, rebuke, correct and train us in righteousness so that we might live in a way that is glorifying to God and good for us.
6. The Word of God is sufficient to equip us so that we can glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. Note: this is BRCC Catechism Question 2. The catechism has many other verses, questions, and resources for further study related to this question.
2. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to me? Why?
3. Can I think of ways that people or our culture has opposed my desire to glorify and enjoy God? Or ways that it has tried to deceive me as to what is pleasing and glorifying to God?
4. Why does Paul tell Timothy to counteract the opposition and deception around him by continuing in Scripture? How is the Bible an antidote to the opposition and deceptions we come up against in our attempts to serve God?
5. How is the Scripture able to make me wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus? Is this the message of just the New Testament, or of the whole Bible?
6. How does the law of God make me wise for salvation through faith in Christ? How does the Gospel make me wise for salvation through faith in Christ?
7. Some Christians today say they are "red letter Christians" and that they base their faith on the words Jesus spoke rather than all Scripture. Why is this a wrong understanding of the Bible? Are some parts of the Bible more inspired than others? Why or why not?
8. Is the Bible the only place where we may learn truth regarding how to glorify and enjoy God? If not, what is the relationship between the Scripture and these other sources of knowledge and truth?
9. Paul says the Scripture is useful to teach, correct, rebuke, and train me in righteousness. Why are all of these parts necessary for me to glorify and enjoy God?
10. The hand illustration indicates that to get a good grip on God's Word I need to hear, read, study, memorize and meditate on God's Word. Which of these do I do the most? Which do I do the least? How can I grow in this area?
11. Whom can I pray for, share what I have learned, and invite to church this week?

Preview of next week: The Central Message of the Bible (John 17)

For a teaching on how to learn the Scripture in each of these five ways, see See <https://brcc.church/letting-the-word-dwell-in-you-richly/>

