

## CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

### THE WORKS OF THE BIBLE (PART 3)

#### SCRIPTURE READING:

- “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe” (1 Thess 2:13).
- “My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life (Prov 4:20-23).
- For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope” (Rom 15:4).

#### INTRODUCTION:

- A. “A Bible that’s falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn’t” – Charles Spurgeon
- B. “I believe the Bible is the Word of God from cover to cover” – Billy Sunday
- C. “The object of the Bible is not to tell how good men are, but how bad men can become good” – Dwight L. Moody
- D. “Fill your mind with God’s Word and you will have no room for Satan’s lies” – Anonymous
- E. “The Bible is meant to be bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions” – Anonymous

For this study, we will examine The Works of the Bible in four different ways.

#### I. The Bible Will Keep Us From Evil Ways

- “I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word” (Ps 119:101).
- A. As Believers, we are to avoid every “evil way” – worldliness, wickedness, sin, unrighteousness – in order to obey the Word of God.
- B. Believers realize that obedience to God’s Word leads to holiness, blessings, pleasing God, glorifying God and draws us closer to God. Obedience also shows that we trust God and His Word.
  - “If ye love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15).

- “Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him” (John 14:23).
- “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous” (1 John 5:3).

## II. The Bible Lights Our Feet and Path

- **“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path”** (Ps 119:105).
- A. The Word of God is our Guiding Light for Life.** It guides by forbidding certain behavior patterns. It guides by showing us the right path to take.
- B.** To walk safely in the woods at night, we need a light in order to avoid tripping over roots or falling into holes. In this life, we walk through a dark forest of evil. But the Bible can be our light to show us the way ahead, so we won’t stumble as we walk. It reveals the entangling roots of false values and philosophies (Life Application Study Bible).
- C. A Light For My Path**  
 “While in India on a brief mission trip, I was summoned to the home of an official who was sick. He wanted me to agree with him in prayer. On the way, we traveled along a river in the dead of night. We carried Coleman lanterns to light our way. As we walked the narrow path towards his house, everyone stopped abruptly. On the end of a large rod, hung a lifeless snake. The guide in front of me spotted the poisonous beast and killed it with one strike. The lantern illuminated our path and revealed the presence of an enemy who might have killed us. The Word illuminates where we are and what is up ahead” (Casey Sabella).

## III. The Bible Will Keep Us From Iniquity

- **“Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me”** (Ps 119:133).
- **Iniquity** – means trouble, sorrow, wickedness, affliction, evil, unrighteous
- A.** The Believer is to pray that God would guide his steps (conduct, way of life – words and deeds) according to His Word. The Believer is to ask God for protection from sin and its enslaving power.
- B.** Believers who allow God to guide their steps according to His Word, will never fall into the bondage of sin (Rom 6:12-16).
  - “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way” (Ps 37:23).

- “Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression” (Ps 19:13).
- “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (1 John 2:1).

### **C. The Bible a Chart**

The Bible is a chart. It teaches men how to steer where the sandbank of temptation is, where that rock of danger is, where that whirling vortex of passion is. The Bible is a chart of salvation; and if a man only knows his course by this, he will go through life with all its storms and come safely into the port of heaven - (H. W. Beecher.)

## **IV. The Bible Will Keep Us From Transgressions**

- **“I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word”** (Ps 119:158).
- A. Our love for God and His Word should give us cause to lament when the enemies and persecutors blatantly disobey the Word of God.
- B. Always take a strong stand against sin, wickedness, and false doctrines (teachings) regardless of the consequences. Do not give in to the enemy – Stand on God’s Word.
- C. Athanasius of Alexandria was a fourth century theologian and church leader who took a strong stand against wickedness and false doctrine. Because of his faithful devotion to truth, he was persecuted through most of his life. Among other things, his enemies falsely accused him and tried to murder him, and he was exiled from his city on five different occasions. At one point, Athanasius was summoned to appear before the emperor Theodosius. Demanding that the theologian back down from his opposition to heretical teachings about Christ, the emperor said, “All the world is against you, Athanasius.” Without hesitation, Athanasius replied, “Then Athanasius is against all the world.”

Like these totally dedicated servants, the author of Psalm 119 and Athanasius, we need to stay faithful to the Lord through all persecution. Any of us might have to stand alone one day to defend our faith. It could be in our families, in our places of employment, in courthouses, in churches, or in front of firing squads. Regardless of the circumstances, we must never back down from the truth. We have to stand firm and refuse to turn our backs on God’s Word. God’s mercies will be sufficient for every crisis, even if we are forced to lay down our lives.

Just as important, we must never come to the place where we cease to be grieved by wickedness. The world in which we live will pressure us to compromise God’s truth. Evildoers are no longer content with forcing God’s people to tolerate ungodliness; they are demanding that we accept and even embrace conduct that brazenly violates God’s commands. Even when we are outnumbered or overpowered, we must remain true to God’s Word, whatever the consequences.

- “<sup>43</sup> Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. <sup>44</sup> But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; <sup>45</sup> That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. <sup>46</sup> For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? <sup>47</sup> And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? <sup>48</sup> Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect (Matthew 5:43-48).
  
- “<sup>17</sup> Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. <sup>18</sup> If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. <sup>19</sup> Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. <sup>20</sup> Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. <sup>21</sup> Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good (Rom 12:17-21).
  
- “<sup>21</sup> If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: <sup>22</sup> For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee (Prov 25:21-22).

### **POINTS TO PONDER:**

- “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution” (2 Tim 3:12).
  
- “That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto” (1 Thess 3:3).
  
- “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin” (Rom 6:6).

### **STUDY QUESTIONS:**

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how important is the Bible to you?
  
2. Based on the adverse conditions in the world today (lack of food, clothing, homelessness, unemployment, pandemic, war, violent crimes-rapes and murder, discrimination), do you believe God is still in control of the universe? If so, when is God going to act on these conditions?
  - “The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein” (Ps 24:1).
  
  - “The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them” (Ps 89:11).
  
  - “For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof” (1 Cor 10:26).

3. How often do you read and meditate on the Bible? Will you commit to studying more?

**MEMORY VERSE:**

**“Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand” (Rev 1:3).**

**CONCLUSION:**

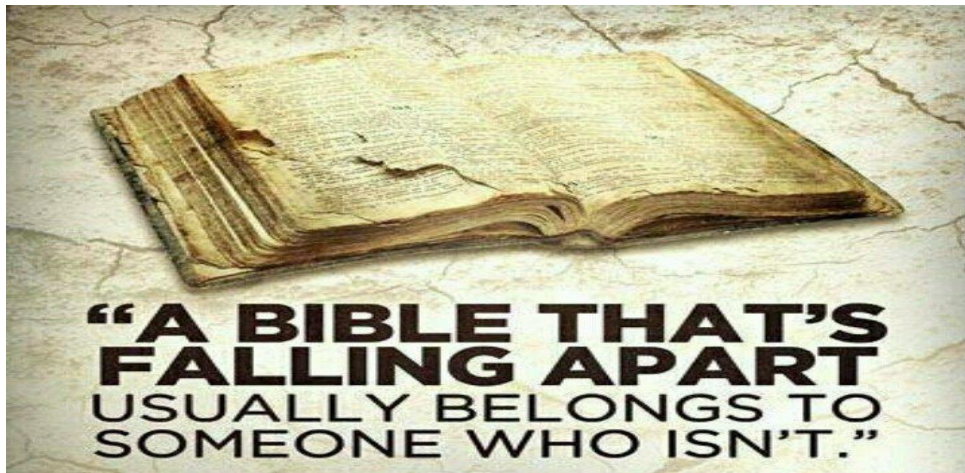
**A. The Works of the Bible:** Keeps us From Evil Ways, Lights our Feet and Path, Keeps us From Iniquity, and Keeps us From Transgressions.

**B. The Word of God is Jesus Christ**

The Word of God is Jesus Christ, God's love forever speaking,  
The love that willed the worlds to be, A love forever seeking.  
In Him was life, the one true Light, That shines through all creation,  
The Light that calls all hearts to Him, From every age and nation.

The Word of God is flesh and blood. God's heart has fully spoken.  
In Christ we share the Father's life, With holy joy unbroken.  
Now grace and truth are daily fruit, Of love beyond all knowing.  
We lift our face to Christ and drink, God's fullness overflowing.

**C. The Roman Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23, 5:8; 10:9-13)**



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**“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).**