

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
THE WORKS OF THE BIBLE (PART 1)

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).**
- **“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Heb 4:12).**
- **“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever” (1 Pet 1:23).**
- **“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).**

INTRODUCTION:

A. Word of God Quotes:

1. “These are four principles we need to maintain: First, Read the Word of God. Second, Consume the Word of God until it consumes you. Third, Believe the Word of God. Fourth, Act on the Word of God” – Smith Wigglesworth.
2. “Look at Jesus Christ. Every time He was in trouble, He used the Word of God. When He was tempted, He used the Word. When He was suffering on the Cross, He used the Word” – Timothy Keller.
3. “I believe the Bible is the best gift that God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this Book. I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go” – President Abraham Lincoln.

B. The Bible Works in Unbelievers to get them saved.

1. **Romans Road:** (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)
2. **God’s Gospel Plan:** God Rules – Gen 1:1’ Rev 4:11; Col 1:16-17
We Sinned (Rom 3:23. 6:23), **God Provided** (John 3:16; Eph 2:8-9), **Jesus Gives** (Rom 5:8; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pet 3:18; Eph 2:8-9), **We Respond** (John 14:6; Rom 10:9-10, 13) –
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3. **A-B-C OF SALVATION:** (Rom 3:23; Acts 16:31; Rom 10:9-10).

C. The Works of the Bible in Christians:

1. It encourages Christians to tell people about the Lord's Salvation.
2. It helps Christians to grow stronger spiritually.
3. It brings joy to the Believers heart.
4. It helps Believers to prepare to meet calamities and persecutions that come their way.
5. It motivates Christians for further service of the Lord.
6. It motivates Believers to financially support God's causes.
7. It motivates Believers to yield themselves to God's will wherever whatever that might be.

For this study, we will examine **The Works of the Bible** in four different ways (additional ways will be forthcoming in future studies).

I. The Bible Teaches What is Right

- "For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth" (Ps 33:4).

The Bible is absolutely true, righteous, straight, unchanging, upright, and trustworthy.

- "God cannot lie" – It is impossible for God to lie (Titus 1:2).
- "The Words of the **Lord** are Pure Words" (Ps 12:6).
- "Every Word of God is Pure" (Prov 30:5).

- "The Bible contains truth found nowhere else. Human reason may discover certain truths about God. But the revealed truth of the Bible exceeds these so as to defy comparison. One may exhaust the meaning of the contents of other books, but not that of the Bible."
– Herschel Hobbs

- "The Bible is a supernatural, spiritual, sovereign, surviving, sustaining, super-charged book about my Savior." – Adrian Rogers

II. The Bible is to Cleanse Us

- "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word" (Ps 119:9).

As Believers, we are to live pure, blameless, and Holy lives by obeying the Word of God. We are to be obedient to the Word of God – The Ten Commandments and the commands such as: "Love your Enemies" (Matt 5:44), "Love One Another" (John 13:34; 15:17), not ... envying one another" (Gal 5:26), "Forgiving one Another" (Eph 4:32).

- "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you" (John 15:3).

- The cleansing agent is the Word of God which has a purifying effect on the Believers life.

- "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word" (Eph 5:26).

- As Believers, our lives are cleansed as we hear and obey the Word of God.
- “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was” (James 1:22-24).
- The Word of God as the cleansing agent shows our obedience or disobedience. We are to be a hearer and a doer of the Word of God.

III. The Bible is to Prevent us from Sinning

- “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee” (Ps 119:11).

We are to treasure up (store-up -memorizing) the Word of God in our hearts to overcome temptation and to avoid sinning against God. In addition to memorizing the Word of God, we must obey it to avoid sin.

Jesus Christ Himself treasured the Scripture in His heart and quoted Scripture when Satan tempted Him in the wilderness (Matt 4:1-13; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13).

Reasons to Treasure Gods Words in our Hearts

- It will keep us from false doctrine (Acts 20:29, 30, 32; 2 Tim 3:13-15).
- It will fill our hearts with joy (Jer 15:16), and peace (Ps 85:8).
- It will give us victory over the Evil One (1 John 2:14).
- I will give us power in prayer (John 15:7).
- It will make us wiser than our enemies (Ps 119:98).
- “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it” (1 Cor 10:13).
- “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death” (James 1:12-15).
- The best book in the world in the Bible. The best place to put it **is in the heart**. The best reason for putting it there is that it saves us from sinning against God” – Anonymous.

IV. The Bible is to Quicken Us

- “My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word” (Ps 119:25).
- **Quicken** means revive, to live, come to life, save

The Word of God quickens during times of sickness, sorrow, discouragement, disappointment, fear, and death. Jesus is the giver of eternal life (John 14:6):

- “For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will” (John 5:21).
- “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins” (Eph 2:1).
- ❖ The Holy Spirit also gives life (John 6:63).

Points To Ponder:

1. Study the Bible as the Word of God – It is completely trustworthy.
2. Always Obey the Word of God.
3. Study the Bible Prayerfully.
4. Look for Jesus Christ in every Book of the Bible – He is there!
5. The Bible is Inexhaustible – There is always more to learn. The Bible is “the unsearchable riches of Christ” (Eph 3:8).

CONCLUSION:

A. The Works of the Bible in Four Different Ways: The Bible Teaches What is Right, The Bible is to Cleanse Us, The Bible is to Prevent Us from Sinning, and The Bible is to Quicken Us.

B. The Bible

Majestic, eternal immutable BOOK, Inspired, inerrant, complete.

The Light of my path as I walk on life’s way, The Guide and the Lamp; to my feet.

Its writings are holy and verbally true, The unalterable Statute of Light,

For profit, for doctrine, for correction, reproof, Infallible Guide to the right.

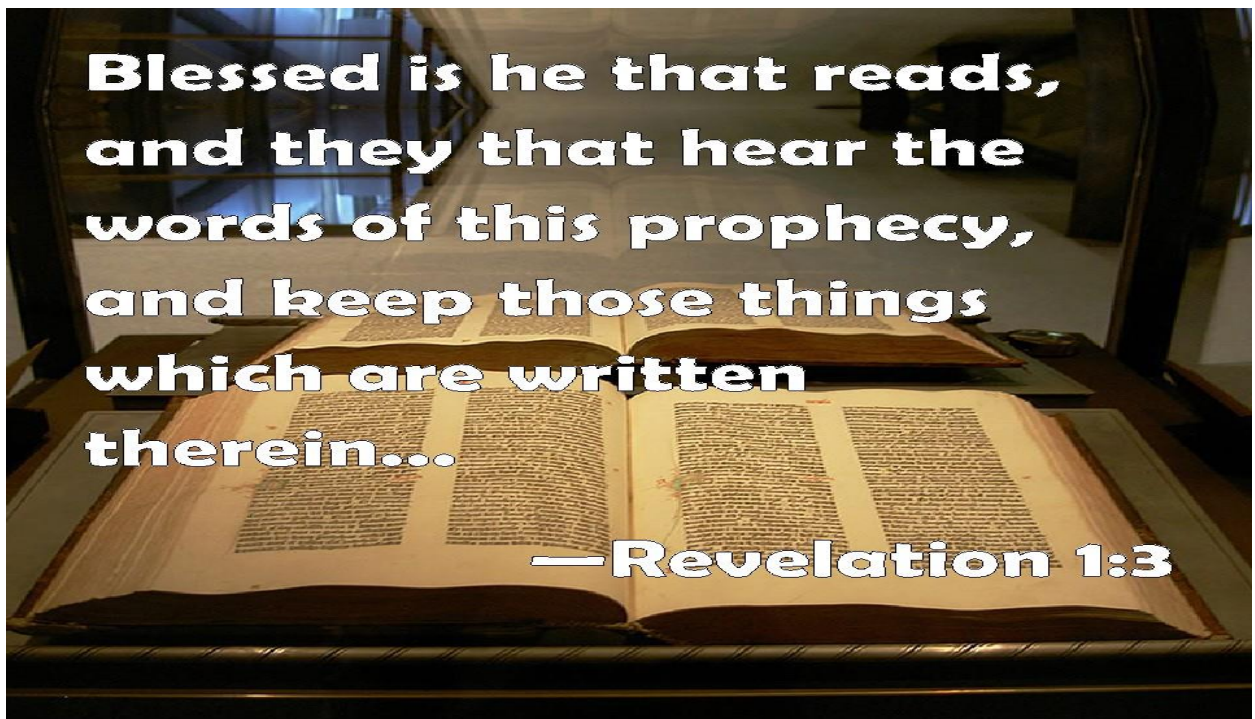
My Treasure, my Comfort, my Help, and my Stay, Incomparable Measure and Rod,

Each page is replete with its textual proof, My Bible, the exact WORD OF GOD! –

(By Gertrude Grace Sanborn , Y. S. Waite’s mother)

C. The ABC's of Salvation

- **A**dmit That You Are A Sinner. *“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”* (Rom 3:23)
- **B**elieve On Christ. *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved”* (Acts 16:31).
- **C**onfess Your Faith. *“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation”* (Rom 10:9-10).



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