

# CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES COURSE PAPER 5

## THE WORD OF GOD

### **Bible memory verses: Psalm 119:11**

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

### **Why is the Bible so important?**

The Bible is the inspired Word of God:

2 Peter 1:20-21 "Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All scripture is God breathed and is useful for

so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Acts 1:16 "\_\_\_\_\_ the scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David."

John 6:63 "The Spirit gives life, the flesh counts for nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."

(see also John 6:31,32,33,35,50,51).

John 1:14 "The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us."

Philippians 2:16 "\_\_\_\_\_ holding forth the Word of life\_\_\_\_\_"

Jesus Christ (the Word of God) revealed in the Bible, the focus of the Bible, ministering His Life through the Bible. See John 6:68 "\_\_\_\_\_ you have the words of eternal life\_\_\_\_\_."

The eternal durability and sufficiency of the word "\_\_\_\_\_ eternal life \_\_\_\_\_" is thus shown. See also Psalm 119:89, Matthew 24:35, 1 Peter 1:23,25.

### **What effect will reading the Bible have?**

Psalm 119:11 (AV) "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

2 Timothy 3:16 "\_\_\_\_\_ is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training \_\_\_\_\_ in righteousness\_\_\_\_\_ thoroughly equipped \_\_\_\_\_".

Romans 15:14 "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope."

Romans 10:17 "Faith comes by hearing \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God."

James 1:18 "He chose to give us birth through the Word of truth \_\_\_\_\_." (see also 1 Peter 2:23).

Ephesians 6:13-18 " \_\_\_\_\_ the full armour of God and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" \_\_\_\_\_."

Psalm 119:105 "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

A treasure chest of promises, ministering faith and the life of God to His people. We must hear God's word to receive essential faith.

Therefore:

- 1) We must read the Bible daily (Psalm 119:97, Acts 17:11).
- 2) We must study and search the Scriptures (2 Timothy 2:15, Hebrews 5:11-14)
- 3) We must know, obey and believe the Bible (2 Timothy 3:15)
- 4) We must use the Word as a weapon against our enemy the devil
  - a) to resist temptation (see Jesus in Matthew 4:1-11, 1 Corinthians 10:13)
  - b) to receive spiritual victory (Ephesians 6:10-18, especially vv 12 and 17)

### **Has God spoken to you through His Word?**

Thank Him if He has, and ask Him to continue speaking to you, taking Samuel's words (1 Samuel 3:10)

"SPEAK, FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING."