

Upcoming Events...

Business Meeting: Today at 4:30 p.m.

Ladies Bible Class: Today at 4:00 p.m.

Budget preparations for 2018

Thanksgiving Day: November 22

Hebrews class Thursdays at 11:00; next class November 29

New Christian

Please welcome **Flor Diaz**, baptized into Christ last Wednesday evening; address 80859 Dartmouth Ave. Indio, CA 92201; phone : (760) 984-8366; Email: DiazBflor@gmail.com

Interesting Facts

Over a period of 1,600 years, 40 different authors wrote the 66 books of the Bible. There were 400 silent years between the 39 books of the Old Testament and the 27 of the New Testament. Yet, Genesis to Revelation tell ONE UNIFIED STORY!

November Birthdays

2 Mike Atkins 6 Ashley Tanner 10 Daniel Brown
18 Emilia Letalu 27 Lupita Guzman

November Anniversaries

2 Shannon & Susan Hudson

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Is the Bible Sufficient?

By Wayne Chamberlain

The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy and said, *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work"* (II Timothy 3:16-17). In a word, Paul is saying, "The Bible is sufficient." It is all we need.

People indicate their lack of faith in this passage when they say such things as, "Well, my church teaches...", or, "In our last council, our church decided to allow...", and, "We follow the Bible and our church traditions." In dealing with the Pharisees on one occasion, Jesus addressed such attitudes when he said, *"... you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men'"* (Matthew 15:6-9).

Either God's word (the Bible) can equip man with all he needs for *"every good work"* -- or we need modern-day revelations; and, therefore, God's word is not sufficient. If God's word is not sufficient -- then neither can it be trusted. WHY? Because the Bible tells us that it is sufficient. Therefore, if it is in error concerning that issue -- it will certainly be in error on many other issues.

If we believe the Bible is sufficient, we will then believe that creeds and man-made doctrines are prohibited. Where is the

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
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Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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justification for them? Can we find justification for creeds in Galatians 1:6-9, "... if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed"? Can we find justification for creeds in II John verse 9, "Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God"? What about Deuteronomy 4:1-2, "... listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live... You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take anything from it ..."? If creeds just restate what the Bible says, why have them? If they say more, or less, than what the Bible says -- they are condemned by God's word (II John 9, et. al.).

Yes, the Bible teaches that it is sufficient. If we believe the Bible, then we must also believe its claim of sufficiency. If a child is obedient only when the parents' rules are suitable to the child -- the child is not obedient at all. If we believe the Bible only when it suits our purpose -- we don't really believe it at all. If that is true of us, we must realize that we are cheating ourselves out of the very thing we desire. In John chapter 6, we have a record of many disciples turning away from Jesus because of a difficult teaching He was presenting. Jesus then turned to His twelve apostles and said, "Do you also want to go away?" Peter's answer was what ours should be, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:66-68).

It is only those who believe and respect God's word enough to abide in it, who will have a hope of heaven (Matthew 7:21-27; John 8:32).

Purpose of God-Breathed Scripture

Homilies by R. Finlayson
From Pulpit Commentary

2 Timothy 3:17 "That the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work." The man of God is man according to the Divine idea. Many excellences go to make the complete man, intellectual, emotional, practical. God desires to see the complete man; and he has given the Bible for that end. The

completeness thought is that of man as a worker, producing good thoughts, good words, good actions.

God desires to see the completely furnished worker, and he has given the Bible for that end. It is true that we come very far short of the Divine ideal of our humanity; the reason will be found to be that we neglect the help provided for us. We do not consult God, but our own prejudiced thoughts. Let us go back to the Bible, to be convicted of our error, and corrected, and severely exercised toward the complete man.

Every Letter in Every Word in Every Verse

Excerpts from article by Dan Jenkins

Understanding the nature of inspiration will open doors to deeper understanding as we study the Bible. Consider that when Moses brought the tablets of stone down from Mount Sinai there were no misspelled words on those stones. Every word was chosen by God. Every single letter of every word had been chosen and written by the hand of God.

Jesus believed in the importance of just one word. The Sadducees asked Jesus about the problem that the resurrection presented regarding the woman who had been married seven times. He answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God" (Matthew 22:29, ESV). He emphasized one word spoken at the burning bush and said that because God said, "I am the God of Abraham," instead of "I was the God of Abraham," we could prove the resurrection. Just one word...

Read the Bible and look at every word in every verse. It will open many doors of deeper understanding. Every letter of every word has been chosen by God!

"Famous Quote"...

"Pay attention to every word in the Bible; we will learn so much more...and we'll know the truth of the matter". (Editor, JB)