

**Summer Focus - Essentials**  
"Bible Study"  
**2 Timothy 3:10-17**  
Sunday, June 2, 2013

**INTRODUCTION**

**A. Scripture in Real Life (vv.10-13)**

1. Scripture modeled (**vv.10-11**)
  - a) Paul traveled to Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra on his 1st Missionary Journey -- Timothy joined him on the 2nd
  - b) Lystra was Timothy's hometown
  - c) To say "the Lord rescued" did not mean kept from any harm. Simply, he continued to witness even after being stoned so severely he was left for dead.
  
2. Scripture realized (**vv.12-13**)
  - a) Persecution for the believer
  - b) Propagation of the deceit of false teachers

**B. Scripture in all of Life (vv.14-15)**

1. Sustaining
  - a) Nature of the Word (**Luke 8:15**)
  - b) Thru family
  - c) Thru mentors
  
2. Reacquainting
  - a) The gospel wisdom -- seeing Christ in the OT

- b) **Charles Simeon**, "*All wisdom that stops short of this is only splendid folly. How vain will the wisdom of philosophers or statesmen appear, when once we are entered into the eternal world!*"
  
- c) Salvation four-fold
  - (1) Regeneration
  - (2) Justification
  - (3) Sanctification
  - (4) Glorification
  
- d) The gospel sufficiency
  - (1) **John Calvin**, "*It is a very high commendation of the Holy Scriptures, that we must not seek anywhere else the wisdom which is sufficient for salvation...*"
  - (2) **Romans 1:16-17**

**C. Scripture for Real Life (vv.16-17)**

1. Life of God...What are the Scriptures?
  - a) God's Words
    - (1) Breathed out
    - (2) **2 Peter 1:16-21**
  - b) OT
  - c) Some NT (**2 Peter 3:15-18**)
  - d) By implication, the 66 books we now have (the words, not the authors)
  
2. Life for the Believer
  - a) Profitable
  - b) For teaching
  - c) For reproof

- (1) Rebuke
  - (2) Make right
  - d) For correction
    - (1) Make straight...a way
    - (2) Correcting beliefs and practice
  - e) For training in righteousness
    - (1) Effort of grace
    - (2) Training in righteousness is living out the fact that Christ, the hope of glory, lives in you and He is your only good standing before God
3. Life for the Church
- a) None of this is in a vacuum
  - b) The purpose of gifts used in the church is to impart the Word, and the Word reveals these gifts to those in the church.
  - c) **Ephesians 4:11-16**

**D. Study the Bible like your life depends on it**

1. Do you give the same emphasis on spiritual development as you do physical?
  - a) Not mere exercise
  - b) Eating, sleeping, drinking
2. **2 Timothy 3:16-17** Method (one of several good ones)
  - a) Approach the passage with prayer, thanking God for His word (His breath), and breathe in like it's life for you. Ask Him to show you His truth.
  - b) Approach the passage asking 4 key questions:

- (1) Is there anything in the text that is new (or newly remembered) information?
  - (a) Gospel focus
  - (b) God (nature & work) / Man (nature & condition) / Christ (prophet, priest, king) / Response (repentance & faith)
- (2) Is there anything in the text that convicts me of sin in action and/or belief (omission / commission)?
- (3) Is there anything in the text that corrects my theology (doctrines, ecclesiology, morality)? - think orthodoxy & praxis
- (4) Is there anything in the text that (directly or indirectly) is a practice I need to employ?
  - (a) Personally
  - (b) Corporately

3. Thank God for providing everything you need to grow in Him in His Word