

Text Messages - The Sufficiency of Scripture

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Topics: Worship, Obedience, Direction
Text: Psalm 119:1-8

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The sufficiency of Scripture means that Scripture contained all the words of God he intended his people to have at each stage of redemptive history, and that it now contains everything we need God to tell us for salvation, for trusting him perfectly, and for obeying him perfectly. (Wayne Grudem)

Since the Bible is sufficient for our lives, let us...

- 1) Walk in his Ways (1-3)
 - a. His ways are clearly shown in His law. (1)
 - b. We must seek him (through His word) with our whole heart (2)
 - c. Scripture leads us to Christ, who makes us blameless before God. (1,3)

- 2) Work on Obedience (4-6)
 - a. We are to be diligent to keep God's word. (4)
 - b. We should be steadfast (firmly established and unmovable) in keeping God's commands. (5)
 - c. We need to learn all of the Bible (6)

- 3) Worship God in Truth (7)
 - a. The Bible helps us to worship God with an upright (righteous and honest) heart. (7)
 - b. God's word brings us into the presence of God and he Promises never to forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). (8)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Use them for personal or family devotions to further dig into God's word. The following questions are taken from Wayne Grudem's Systematic Theology:

1. In the process of growing in the Christian life and deepening your relationship with God, approximately how much emphasis have you placed on reading the Bible itself and how much on reading other Christian books? In seeking to know God's will for your daily life, what is the relative emphasis you have put on reading Scripture itself and on reading other Christian books? Do you think the doctrine of the sufficiency of Scripture will cause you to place more emphasis on reading Scripture itself?
2. Have you ever wished that the Bible would say more than it does about a certain subject? Or less? What do you think motivated that wish? How would you approach someone who expressed such a wish today? How is God's wisdom shown in the fact that he chose not to make the Bible a great deal longer or a great deal shorter than it actually is?
3. If the Bible contains everything we need God to tell us for obeying him perfectly, what is the role of the following in helping us to find God's will for ourselves: advice from others; sermons or Bible classes; our consciences; our feelings; the leading of the Holy Spirit as we sense him prompting our inward desires and subjective impressions; changes in circumstances?
4. In the light of this sermon, how would you find God's "perfect" will for your life? Is it possible that there would be more than one "perfect" choice in many decisions we make? (Consider Ps. 1:3 and 1 Cor. 7:39 in seeking an answer.)
5. Have there been times when you have understood the principles of Scripture well enough with regard to a specific situation but have not known the facts of the situation well enough to know how to apply those scriptural principles correctly?