

BLESSINGS FROM THE WORD

Colossians 3:16

INTRODUCTION: God has spoken to us through His Word. He has given His Word so we may grow. God's Word is established forever in heaven. We can with confidence place our faith in His unchanging Word.

I. GROWTH FOR THE CHRISTIAN

A. MILK FOR GROWTH.

"It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." (Luke 4:4)

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." (1 Pet. 2:2)

B. MEAT FOR GROWTH.

"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." (Heb. 5:12-14)

II. GUARD FOR THE CHRISTIAN

A. OUR SHIELD.

His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. (Ps. 91:4)

Jesus said: "thy word is truth." (John 17:17)

B. OUR SWORD.

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Eph. 6:17)

III. GUIDE FOR THE CHRISTIAN

A. LIGHT.

"The word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Ps. 119:105)

"For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life." (Prov. 6:23)

"The entrance of thy word giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." (Ps. 119:30)

B. TRUTH.

"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 perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

1. Doctrine: gives guidance to know what is right.
2. Reproof: gives guidance to know what is not right.
3. Correction: gives guidance to get us right.
4. Instruction: gives guidance to keep us right.

According to his own will begat he us by the word of truth, that we should be a certain first-fruits of his creatures. (James 1:18)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim. 2:15)

LESSONS FOR LIFE:

1. The Bible is essential for the believer to grow in grace and knowledge of God.
2. The Bible is the living Word of God. It has the power to change a life.
3. The Bible is the source of truth. It is the infallible and inerrant. It is the source of faith. We must never leave the Word of God for experiences or feelings.

