

The word of God and how to understand it.

The word of God has much to say about the word of God and how to understand it. The first bolded phrase below shows that God inspired the writers of the Bible to write the words of scripture. Thus, it is the word of God and all of it is true. The remainder of the passage shows what is its purpose. Verse 17 shows that nothing else is needed to understand the truth of God.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works**. - 2 Tim 3:16-17

The following verse states that the word of God is the truth and has no lies.

Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth**. - John 17:17

From the very beginning the word of God is true and that includes the historical record of how God created all things in 6 days as revealed in Genesis 1.

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever. - Ps 119:160

There is only one version of the word of God, and it does not change.

For ever, O Lord, **thy word is settled in heaven**. - Ps 119:89

The words of Christ shall never pass, so they must be in the Bible today.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. - Matt 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33

God promises to preserve His word, so they must be in the world today.

6 The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, **purified seven times**. **7** Thou shalt keep them, **O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever**. - Ps 12:6-7

It is by hearing and believing the gospel of Christ, which is in the word of God, that a person is saved forever by faith in the gospel of Christ.

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. - Rom 10:17

In the following passage, we are commanded to study the word of God, and to rightly divide it. Note it says to “shew thyself approved unto God”. So, it is an individual study. It also says approved to God and not to some denomination or group. That also eliminates some courseware. Right division means that while all scripture is profitable, not all of scripture is written to the saved Gentiles in this age of grace. The biggest

division is that the OT is written to the Jews and not to the Gentiles, with the exception of Genesis and Job. But not all of the NT is written to the saved Gentiles. For example, Matthew, Mark and Luke are primarily written to the Jews and has the gospel of the kingdom. James is written to the 12 tribes of Israel. Early Acts (Acts 1-8) is also written primarily to the children of Israel that believe in Christ. Right division shows that Paul's letters are the doctrine of the church and also includes the gospel of John and later Acts (9-28). Thus, that should be the focus of Biblical study. Please see "How to read the word of God" for more details.

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

All scripture is given by the Holy Spirit to people who spoke and wrote the word of God.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. - 2 Pet 1:21

Verse 10 in the following passage shows how to understand the word of God. A precept is an absolute clear doctrine from scripture. That the Lord Jesus Christ is God Almighty, the Creator of all things, are fundamental precepts. That salvation is by grace through faith in the gospel of Christ is a precept. "Line upon line, line upon line" means that context must be considered else someone will have you straining at a gnat. For example, passages from the OT, which have to do with the law given to the children of Israel, are out of context when given to the saved Gentiles who are not under the law but under grace. So sometimes the context includes a whole book. Also note in verse 10 it says, "here a little, and there a little". So, the determination of precepts is sometimes scattered in other parts of the word of God. Now look at verse 13 as it has almost the exact same way to understand the word of God. But note it says, "unto them". This refers to false denominations and groups who have false precepts.

9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. **10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:** **11** For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. **12** To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. **13 But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.** - Isa 28:9-13

Many new versions of THE word of God, THE Bible, which disagree with each other and themselves in many places, is confusion and is not from God.

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. - 1 Cor 14:33

God does not lie so the word of God does not have lies. It is all true,

In hope of eternal life, which **God, that cannot lie**, promised before the world began; - Titus 1:2

The word of God is not self-contradictory.

If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and **the scripture cannot be broken**; - John 10:35

The following 2 verses, which declare the gospel of Christ, have the phrase “according to the scriptures” 2x. So, any change in the word of God should be considered as an attack on the gospel of Christ.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins **according to the scriptures**; **4** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day **according to the scriptures**: - 1 Cor 15:3-4

God values the truth of His word even above His name, because if someone lies what is their name worth?

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for **thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.** - Ps 138:2

THE armour of God is described in Ephesians 6:10-20. Part of THE armour of God is THE sword of THE Spirit which is THE word of God. So, a person must be saved, and they must have THE word of God, not many new versions of THE word of God, THE Bible, which disagree with each other and themselves in many places.

And take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**: - Eph 6:17

THE word of God is sharper than any twoedged sword and is used to ferret out works for salvation. The many new versions of THE word of God, THE Bible, which disagree with each other and themselves in many places, are a dull plastic spoon by comparison.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, **and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** - Heb 4:12

Beware when reading commentaries. When someone adds to the word of God they may or may not be correct.

Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. - Prov 30:6

When reading the word of God believe everything it says. Many try and sow doubt in it. Some try to make people doubt that the miraculous events in the Bible, such as the creation of all things in 6 days about 6000 years ago or the worldwide flood. Or that God cannot preserve His word without error today. These all reject the fact that God is Almighty and with God all things are possible.

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, **when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.** - 1 Thess 2:13

The word of God, the holy scriptures are what brings salvation.

And that from a child thou hast known **the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.** - 2 Tim 3:15

All scripture passages and references are from the King James Bible, the word of God in English.