

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE



"The Bible - Is God Breathed"

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2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, "All Scripture is God Breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training for righteousness, so the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

The Bible is the Word of God and it is God Breathed. "God Breathed" (θεόπνευστος theópneustos), meaning that the Holy Scriptures "as communicated are ordained by God's authority and produced by the enabling of His Holy Spirit. The Bible is divine revelation, prompted by God, inspired by Him which makes them infallibly true." (Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament; The Complete Word Study for the New Testament; Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains; The Greek-English Dictionary of the New Testament; Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament)

Those who are taught of the Lord have Holy Spirit revelation and illumination that the Bible is from God the Father. It holds all truth for directions in living a life that is pleasing to Him and Christians are Holy Spirit enlightened. Christians who enjoy a personal relationship with Jesus Christ are Holy Spirit led. They know the powerful truth written by the Apostle Peter, "For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21) "Prophecy"

(προφητεία prophēteía) meaning the "gift of divinely inspired speaking granted to believers by the Spirit..." (Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament) The Bible is not man's idea nor should be interpreted by the world's view (James 4:4), lived by the desires for the flesh (Galatians 5:17) or believed through the influence of

the devil (Matthew 4:5-6).

People who are connected with God are amazed and blessed to know that the Lord, who "breathed" (Genesis 2:7) life into mankind in the beginning, is able to breathe forth the Scriptures that feed the spiritual heart of mankind.

Just as John Deere and CAT

are able to write a parts book and operator's manual so their owners can be informed about their heavy equipment - God who is good all the time is fully able to bring forth the Book, the Bible, so mankind can be informed about eternal truths. Just as an owner's manual of a car, motorcycle, or boat gives instruction to its owners, the Word of God gives instructions for the human mind about its eternal soul.

A person's relationship with Jesus determines his heart about the Word of God. Are you like Jesus who said, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:4) Are you like the Psalmist who prayed, "Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight. Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word." (Psalm 119:33-37) Are you like the Bereans? A person of noble character, one who receives the message with great eagerness and examines the Scripture daily to see what you hear is true. (Acts 17:11) Do you believe the Bible is God-breathed, God's Word for directing your entire life?

Rest

Life today may leave us feeling overwhelmed—swept away by too much to do with no relief in sight. Where can we turn for help? Perhaps our relief and solutions aren't "out there". They are "in here", in our soul, where God's spirit resides. In Matthew 11:28, our Heavenly Father reassures us..."Come to me all you that are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." God waits for you in His house, He wants you to come into His presence, to sit and meditate upon His Word. During this time of calming strength,

ask Him to live within your heart and soul. Worship this week.

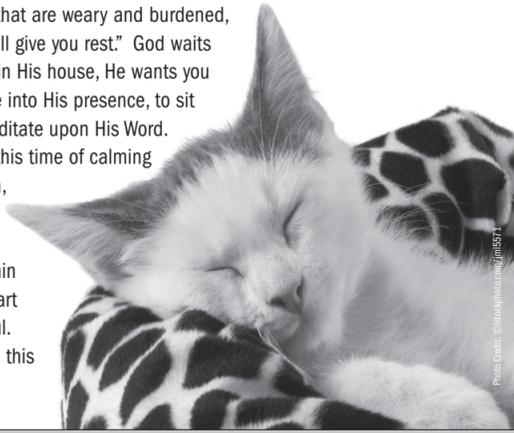


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Weekly Scripture Reading

Ezekiel	Ezekiel	Ezekiel	Ezekiel	Acts	Romans	Romans
39:1-29	43:1-27	47:1-23	48:1-35	1:1-26	8:1-17	8:18-39

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