



ANCHORED TO TRUTH

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH

LESSON 6: THE BIBLE

Reading:

- ☐ Psalm 119:1-176
- ☐ Matthew 4:4
- ☐ Matthew 24:35
- ☐ John 1:14
- ☐ 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- ☐ Hebrews 4:12-13
- ☐ Revelation 19:13

Anchor Verse: *Attempt to memorize the following verse.*

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

Introductions:

At its core, inerrancy means that Scripture is incapable of being wrong. It is a beautiful affirmation that the Bible is fully truthful in all its teachings. When we selectively believe portions of Scripture, we unintentionally attempt to diminish the sovereignty of God. It can lead us to rely on our own understanding, allowing worldly views to shape our beliefs rather than anchoring ourselves in the unwavering truth of God's Word. The doctrine of the inerrancy of Scripture is foundational to the Christian faith.

How has your understanding of Scripture shaped your walk with Christ? Are there areas where you may have allowed the world's perspective to influence your faith?

God's Perfect Word:

God's Word is an incredible gift from a loving God. It provides us the wisdom and guidance we need to live out our created purpose - to live in fellowship with and bring glory to God. In embracing the inerrancy of God's Word, we find a steadfast foundation upon which to build our faith. While it's a beautiful collection of historic stories and teachings, it is also a reliable authority that instructs us in the ways of righteousness. As we study Scripture, its transformative power shapes our hearts and minds.

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Too often we take God's Word for granted and neglect it, which can cause us to drift from truth. It's a lifelong journey as we seek to understand and live out God's commands in our daily lives. To do this we should seek to read God's Word in its entirety, and to hear, study, and read Scripture on a regular basis.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

How has Scripture guided you, corrected you, or trained you in righteousness?

It is also important that we understand Scripture translations and use ones that preserve the original message.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Matthew 24:35

The longest chapter of the Holy Bible is Psalm 119. It is an "acrostic" poem spanning 176 verses in 22 stanzas; one stanza for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It is located one chapter after the middle of the Holy Bible and it is all about the incredible gift of God's Word.

Jesus Sighting:

Scripture tells us that Jesus is the very Word of God, and Jesus tells us that every word He says is more essential than food for survival.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. Revelation 19:13

But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4

Reflection:

Do you believe the Holy Bible is the inerrant word of God? Why or why not?

Next Lesson:

How can I be made right with God?