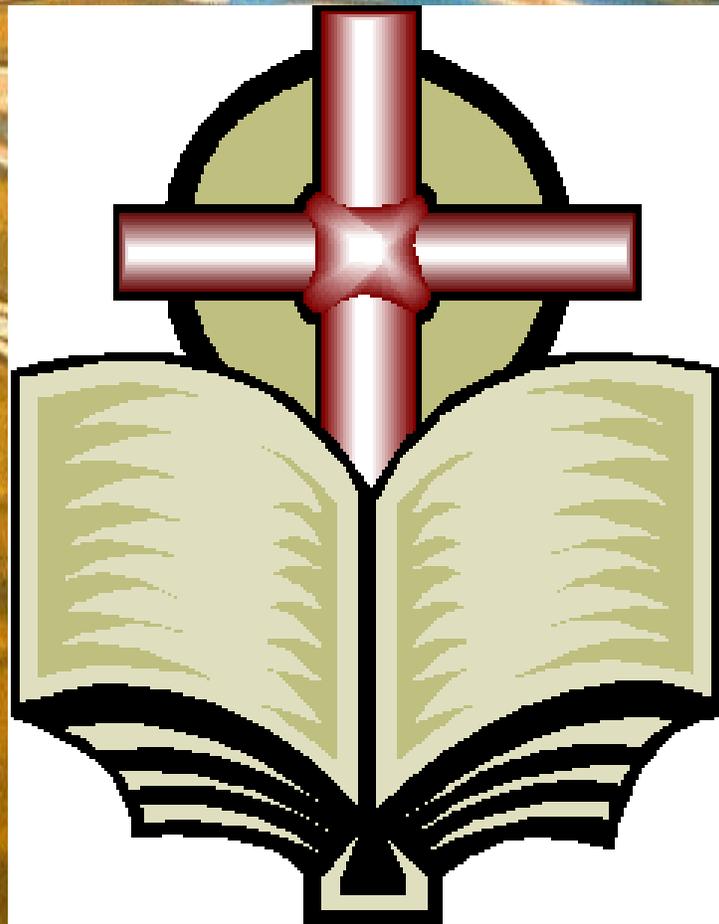


THE SCRIPTURES



ARE THEY FOR
TODAY?

INTRODUCTION:

The most often asked questions about “The Scriptures” in ‘The Bible’ are: Why should we read them, and are “The Scriptures” relevant for today?

The answer is we read “The Scriptures” because they are inspired by God and they are given for our profit:

2 Pet 1:21

21 **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 Tim 3:16

16 **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for (our) doctrine, for (our) reproof, for (our) correction, for (our) instruction in righteousness:**

COMMENTARY:

“The Scriptures” are relevant today, because they are written for our learning and they give us hope:

Rom 15:4

4 **For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

As Christians, we are also told to read, study and search “The Scriptures”:

1 Tim 4:13

13 **Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.**

2 Tim 2:15

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

John 5:39

39 **Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. (Jesus)**

As Christians, we know that “The Scriptures” are not written for anyone’s private interpretation:

2 Pet 1:20

20 **Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.**

1 Jn 2:27

27 **But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.**

Other reasons for reading “The Scriptures” are:

2 Tim 3:17

17 **That the man of God may be perfect (complete), thoroughly furnished unto all good works.**

CONCLUSION:

The Bible teaches that Christians that delight in reading “The Scriptures” shall prosper in whatever they do.

Ps 1:1-3

1 **Blessed is the man that** walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But **his delight is in the law (Word) of the LORD; and in his law (Word) doth he meditate day and night.**

3 And **he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.**

Rev 1:3

3 **Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.**

**Amen!
Timothy II**