

E. Through It we can gain _____ of our salvation (I John 5:13).

F. It is the instruction manual to tell us the proper way we should live (in Truth) (II John 4).

Conclusion: Satan has had many strongholds around the globe. There is much opposition to the Gospel moving forward. We must remember that he is NO match for our Lord. All of the chains and the grip he can have on an individual and a people group can be overcome by the Gospel of Christ. It will pierce the hardest of hearts (Heb. 4:12). It will bring Light to the darkest of lands (Ps. 119:130). It will be a message of hope to the hopeless (Rom. 15:4). It is a source of direction to the lost (Ps. 119:105). Will you allow for God to use you to provide this opportunity to others around the world? You may be the link to change their lives for all of eternity.

Answer Key

Outline:

1. copy
2. approves
3. ashamed
4. true
5. profitable
6. maturity
7. security
8. life
9. divine
10. product
11. joy
12. victory
13. assurance



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ADULT LESSON 4

The Message

in the Life of the Believer





INTRODUCTION

For the Believer: Scripture emphasizes the value that the *written* Word of God brings to the life of the believer. We must take the gospel message to people everywhere for them to be born into the family of God and begin their relationship God desires to have with them.

For the Messenger: Soul-winning is only the first step of the process. To be complete, the Scriptures are a *requirement*. The value that the written Word of God brings to the life of a person after they accept Christ at salvation is of such importance that three separate authors of the Bible make a point to talk about it in the New Testament alone!

For the Sender: There is no doubt that God uses people. We are to send *messengers*. Jesus told us to pray that God would send more laborers (Mt. 9:38). These messengers carry with them the message of the Gospel that produces salvation to all they who believe it.

The New Testament church of today, must send not just the messenger with the Gospel, but also send them with the Scriptures to leave in the hands of the believers so they can continue to grow when the messenger leaves.

Scripture is Necessary for Doctrine: All Scripture has value and is profitable to the believer (II Tim. 3:16). Being in it and applying it produces *spiritual maturity* (II Tim. 3:17). Paul told Titus the same thing (Titus 1:9). He also told him that by the knowledge of the Word, a believer could have security that they were following the right path, when false teachers were saying differently (Titus 1:10-14).

Scripture is Necessary for Growth: Peter tells the believer that the Scriptures are not only eternal, but also the source of true life (I Pt. 1:23). He also explains that they are the source of nourishment for spiritual growth (I Pt. 2:2; 5:2).

The Word of God is essential in the life of a believer. It reveals God to us, as well as telling us how to reflect Him in our lives. A believer cannot be all that God desires for him to be without God's love letter full of instruction.

The Written Word and the New Testament Church

- I. Paul instructed them to take what they had received, _____ it, and pass it on to the others that needed it also (Col. 4:16).
- II. Paul's instructions about the Written Word in the life of a believer
 - A. His instructions to young Pastor Timothy
 1. Study It to learn what kind of life God _____ of (II Tim. 2:15).
 2. Study It to learn how to live in such a way that to not be _____ at the judgment (II Tim. 2:15).
 3. It is the source of _____ wisdom (II Tim. 3:15). Truth will prevail over the false teachers.
 4. All of It has value and is _____ to the life of the believer (II Tim. 3:16).
 5. Studying It is the key to obtaining spiritual _____ (II Tim. 3:17)
 - B. His instructions to Titus
 1. It produces spiritual maturity in the life of a believer (Titus 1:9).
 2. It provides _____ for the believer. We can be confident in our beliefs in spite of opposition (Titus 1:10-14).
- III. Peter's instructions about the Written Word in the life of a believer
 - A. It is the source of true _____ (I Pt. 1:23).
 - B. It will last forever (I Pt. 1:25).
 - C. It will tell us how to have a _____ nature and overcome the world (II Pt. 1:4).
 - D. It will be there for their instruction even after Peter (the messenger) is gone (II Pt. 1:15).
 - E. It is a more reliable message than just a spoken message to pass on to others (II Pt. 1:19).
 - F. It is the _____ of the Holy Ghost of God, not corrupt men. (II Pt. 1:20-21).
- IV. John's instructions about the Written Word in the life of a believer
 - A. It produces true _____ (I John 1:4).
 - B. It shows us how to have _____ over sin (I John 2:1).
 - C. It is what produces a matured love that truly impacts others (I John 2:5).
 - D. A life obedient to It is the key to answered prayers (I John 3:22).