

For Sanctification (John 17:17); As believers, the Scriptures lead us into a set-apart, holy walk with God.

The proper uses of Scripture is For: Illumination (Psalm 19:8); Keeping from Sin (Psalm 119:9,11); Defeating Satan (Ephesians 6:16,17); and For Proving Doctrine (Acts 18:28).

MISUSES OF SCRIPTURES

Scriptures are Misused By: Satan (Matthew 4:6); Hypocrites (Matthew 22:23-29); False Teachers (II Corinthians 2:17); The Ignorant (II Peter 3:16).

1. Because as Peter says, some of Paul's writings are hard to understand, some, who are unlearned unreliably twist these Scriptures. The question is, What is their result? (II Peter 3:16) _____

POSITIVE ATTITUDES TOWARD SCRIPTURE

There are ways of which can have a positive attitude toward the Scriptures: *Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly* (Colossians 3:16). Search the Scriptures Daily (Acts 17:11); Hide the Scriptures in Our Heart (Psalm 119:11); Delight in the Scriptures (Psalm 1:2); Love the Scriptures (Psalm 119:97,113,167); Receive the Scriptures With Meekness (James 1:21); Read the Scriptures (Deuteronomy 17:19); Teach the Scriptures To Children (Deuteronomy 11:19); and Obey the Scriptures (James 1:22).

NEGATIVE ATTITUDES TOWARD SCRIPTURES

We are not to Add or Subtract From the Scriptures (Deuteronomy 4:2); Corrupt (II Corinthians 2:17); Handle Deceitfully (II Corinthians 4:2); Wrest (pervert) (II Peter 3:16); or Nullify the Scriptures By Tradition (Mark 7:9-13).

FULLFILLMENT OF SCRIPTURES QUOTED TO SHOW:

Gospel Age (Acts 3:24); Christ's Mission, Death, Rejection, Resurrection (Luke 4:16-21; 24:27,45-47; Acts 28:25-29; Acts 2:24-31; Spirit's Descent (John 7:38,39); and Faith (Romans 4:3).

FIRST STUDY

HOLY SCRIPTURES

INTRODUCTION

GOD'S REVELATION

We believe in the Holy Scriptures: The Scriptures of the Holy Bible are God's revelation to all who will receive them. Even if we do not receive them, still, they are spoken by God; are God's revelation; and they are God Breathed. There is no more introduction necessary than this.

SCRIPTURES WORD OF GOD (Hebrews 4:12)

For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Hebrews 4:12).

For the Word of God is living and active. It is a living power, and is effective more than any other sword. It separates the soul from the spirit. The soul being the soulish realm of a person which is the mind, the intellect. It goes so deep into the innermost parts of a person that it exposes, it discerns the thoughts and secrets of the heart.

1. Describe the Word of God from this verse. (Hebrews 4:12) _____

In the Bible, we see ourselves as God sees us. ¹

1. Open Bible Edition, Nelson, p.1145, note.

Also, the Scriptures are called: The Word of Truth (James 1:18); The Oracles (trusted words) of God (Romans 3:2); The Word (James 1:21-23); The Holy Scriptures (Romans 1:2); The Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17); and The Scriptures of the Prophets (Romans 16:26)

2. What does Romans 16:26 tell us is done by the Scriptures of the prophets? _____

SCRIPTURES DESCRIBED

Scriptures are described: As Authorative (I Peter 4:11); As Inspired in II Timothy 3:16—*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...* Meaning: all scripture is given by divine inspiration of God, and is for our profit for teaching, to make us know what is wrong in our lives, and to help us do what is right.

Scriptures are described: As Effectual in Life (I Thessalonians 2:13), *not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God which...* produces results... *also in you that believe.*

Scriptures are described: As True (Psalm 119:160); As Perfect (Psalm 19:7); As Sharp (Hebrews 4:12); As Pure (Proverbs 30:5).

SCRIPTURE INSPIRATION PROVED

Scripture inspiration is proved: By External Evidence (Hebrews 2:1-4).

1. What evidence of truth is stated in Hebrews 2:1-4, that Scripture can be proved by external evidence? _____

Scripture inspiration is proved: By Internal Nature (II Timothy 3:16,17; see p. 2, this book); By Infallibility (John 10:35)...*the scripture cannot be broken*; it is true forever. Infallible means: not liable to mistake or disappoint; is certain; is unchangeable.

Scripture inspiration is proved: By Fulfillment of prophecy (John 5:39; 45-47).

UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURES

Scriptures can be understood: By the Spirit's Illumination (I Corinthians 2:10-14); By Searching the Scriptures (John 5:39); By Reasoning (Acts 17:2); By Comparing (II Peter 1:20); By Human Help (Acts 8:27-35).

1. What human helped what man to understand the Scriptures in Acts 8:7-35? _____ helped the _____.

PROPER USES OF SCRIPTURES

The proper uses of Scriptures is: For Regeneration (spiritual rebirth), (I Peter 1:23) God brings life back to our dead spirit by the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Our spirit, before the rebirth, was absent of the life of God because of the fall of man. Spiritual life comes to us through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His complete redemptive work.

The proper uses of Scripture is: For Salvation (II Timothy 3:15); For Producing Faith (John 20:31); For Searching Our Hearts (Hebrews 4:12); For Spiritual Growth (Acts 20:32);