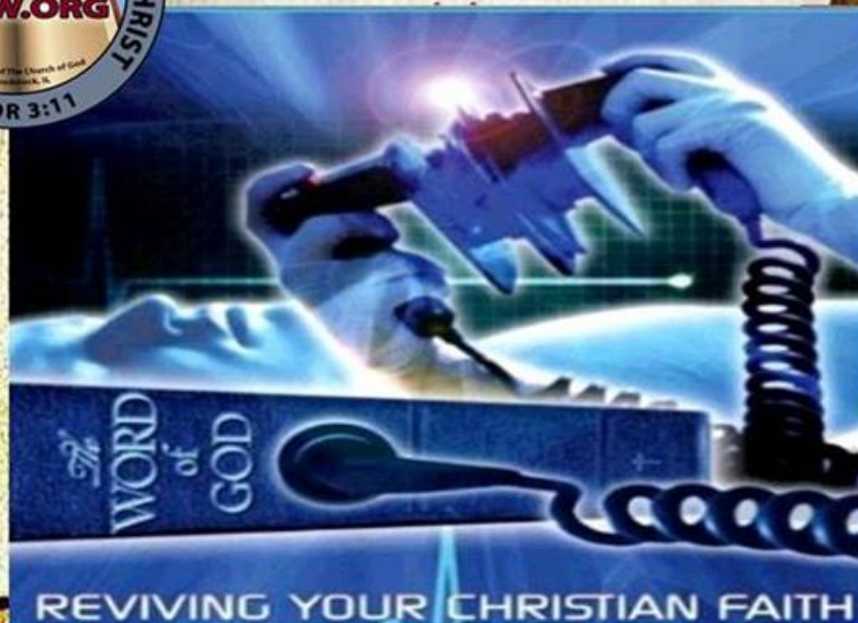
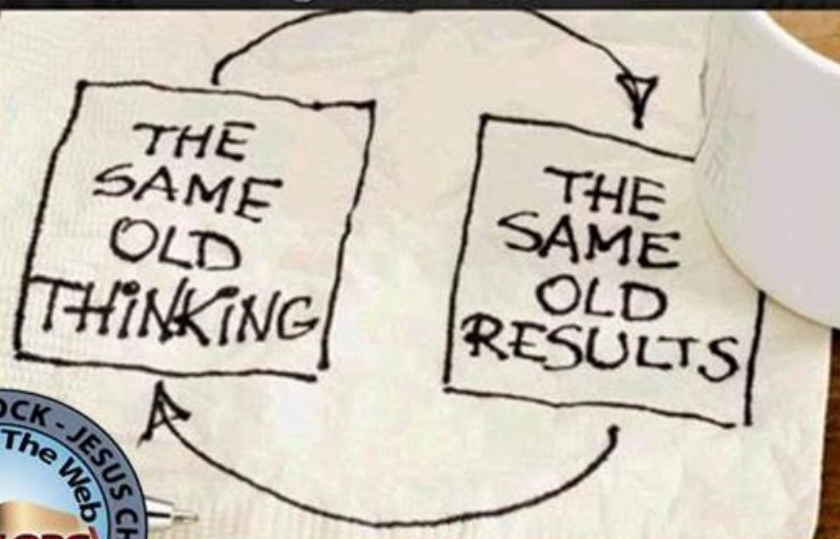


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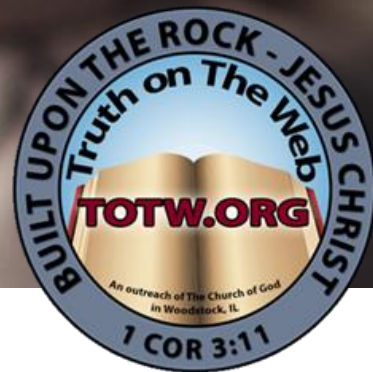
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ROMANS 12:2



REVIVING YOUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

Understanding the Bible

Part 3: Its Purpose



ca. 3975 BC – 1446 BC



Adding the Prophets of the Return (ca. 520 BC – 397 BC)



Romans 3:1-2 What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit *is there* of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that **unto them were committed the oracles of God.**

What is the purpose of Holy Scripture?

Romans 3:19-23 Now we know that what things soever the Law saith, it saith to them who are under the Law: **that every mouth may be stopped**, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the Law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the Law *is* the knowledge of sin. But now **the righteousness of God without the Law is manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets**; Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Many of us get side tracked on this journey toward a deep, intimate relationship with God. We carefully look to Scripture in order to tell us what to believe and how we should behave, but we end up simply veering to one side or the other and miss the opportunity to more deeply know the God of the Bible.

- Dr. David Ferguson

Matthew 4:4 But He answered and said, It is written,
Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged 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.

It reveals Who God is

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven
and the earth.

Psalms 119:68 Thou *art* good, and doest good...

It reveals who we are

Genesis 1:26-29 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in His *own* image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

Ecclesiastes 7:29 Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

It reveals His Salvation

John 20:30-31 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name.

1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is*:

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for instruction in righteousness

2 Timothy 3:16 YLT every Writing *is* God-breathed, and:

profitable for teaching

for conviction

for setting aright

for instruction that *is* in righteousness

Strong's Greek Dictionary

1319. διδασκαλία didaskalia

did-as-kal-ee'-ah

from 1320; instruction (the function or the information):—doctrine, learning, teaching.

Romans 15:1-7 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please *his* neighbour for *his* good to edification. For even Christ pleased not Himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached Thee fell on Me. **For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.** Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

It encourages and admonishes God's people

Romans 15:4-5 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might **have hope**. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and **they are written for our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

It reveals how we should live

Psalms 119:105 Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalms 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to Thy word.

Psalms 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.

Psalms 19:7-13 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether. More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* great reward. Who can understand *his* errors? cleanse thou me from secret *faults*. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins*; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Proverbs 1:1-6 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

Ephesians 6:13-17 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:**

Matthew 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for **this is the Law and the Prophets.**

Matthew 22:34-40 But when the Pharisees had heard that He had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them, *which was a lawyer*, asked *Him a question*, tempting Him, and saying, Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.** This is the first and great commandment. And the second *is* like unto it, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.**

Romans 10:1-3 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Hosea 6:6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

Proverbs 21:3 To do justice and judgment *is* more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

Isaiah 1:11-17 To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices unto Me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. When ye come to appear before Me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread My courts? Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto Me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; *it is* iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts My soul hateth: they are a trouble unto Me; I am weary to bear *them*. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide Mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Amos 5:21-24 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. Though ye offer Me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept *them*: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts. Take thou away from Me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

Isaiah 58:6-7 *Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?*

Micah 6:6-8 Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, *and* bow myself before the high God? shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, *or* with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn *for* my transgression, the fruit of my body *for* the sin of my soul? He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and **what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?**

1 Timothy 1:5-11 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm. But we know that the law *is* good, if a man use it lawfully; Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

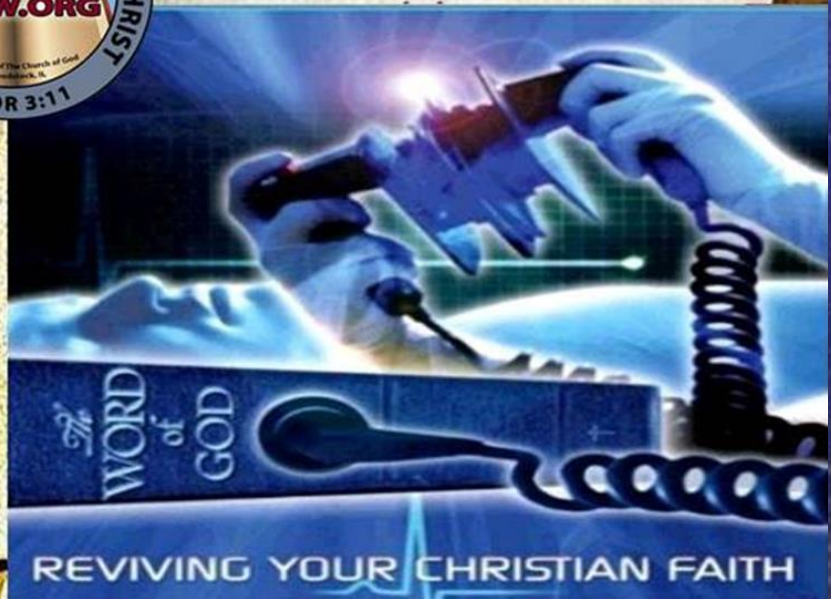
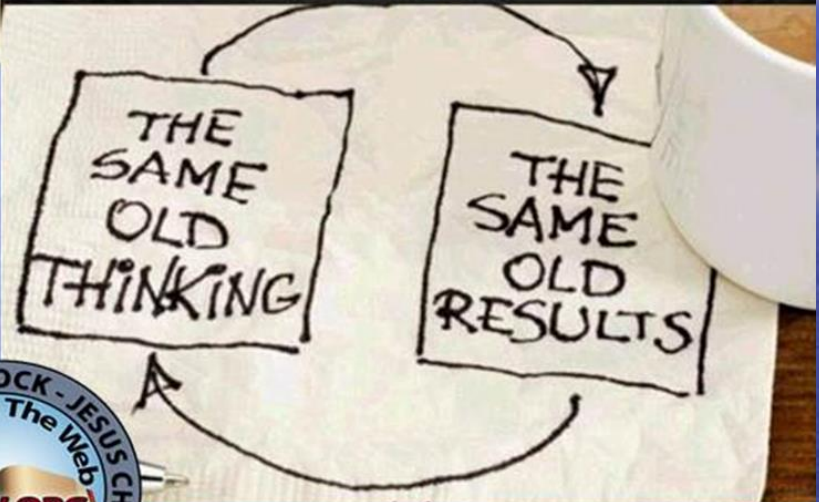
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