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Sufficiency of Scripture (Part 2)

In the previous article, we answered the question "is Scripture sufficient". And of course, the answer is "yes". But how does the sufficiency of Scripture impact my life? Well, we answered that question in the previous article when we talked about 2 Timothy 3:16-17 which tells us that Scripture is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness. But I would like to talk about another verse that tells us how the sufficiency of God's Word impacts us. That verse is Psalm 19:7-9 which says:

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul;

The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether.

God's Word is perfect and makes the simple wise (v. 7). Man is undiscerning, ignorant, and gullible, but God's Word makes him wise. A man that is skilled in the art of godly living will submit to Scripture and knows how to apply it to his life circumstances. The Word of God thus takes a simple mind with no discernment and makes it skilled to Biblically address the difficulties of life.

Scripture is right and rejoices the heart (v. 8). The word translated "right" has the sense of showing someone the true path. The truths of Scripture lays out the proper path through the difficulties of life. That brings us encouraging confidence. Many people are distressed or despondent because they lack direction and purpose, and most seek answers from the wrong sources. God's Word not only provides the light to our path but also sets the route before us. God's Word steers us through the right course of life, bringing us great joy. If the Christian is doubting, depressed, anxious, or fearful, the solution is found only in Scripture by learning to obey and apply God's counsel. Divine truth of God's Word is the means of true and lasting joy.

<u>Scripture Is pure, enlightening the eyes</u> (vs 8). This word "pure" can better be translated "clear" or "lucid," not confusing, or puzzling. God's Word reveals truth to make the dark things light. Scripture brings understanding where there is ignorance, order in confusion, and light where there is spiritual and moral darkness.

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever (v. 9). The word "fear" speaks of the reverential awe and respect for God that compels believers to worship Him. Scripture is the divine manual on how to worship the Lord. The Hebrew word "clean" speaks of the absence of impurity, filthiness, defilement, or imperfection that comes from this world. Scripture is without sin, evil, corruption, or error. The truth Scripture conveys is

absolutely undefiled and without blemish. Because the Word of God is perfect, it endures forever. It is eternally perfect. It needs no updating, editing, or refining, for it is God's perfect breathed-out revelation.

Again, the idea behind the sufficiency of Scripture is that nothing else needs to be revealed about God or His plan for humanity. The Bible alone is the only inspired (God-breathed), inerrant, and final complete authoritative record of all the things that we need to know about God and how to live daily to bring glory to God.

The Sufficiency of Scripture provides great comfort and encouragement to believers because it allows us to go through life and bring Glory to God from knowing, obeying, and applying his perfect, sufficient Word to all of our life issues.

If you or someone you know is struggling with life issues, Please contact us for help at watersedgebiblechurch.com. God Bless!