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Introduction

- ▣ On October 31, 2017, an Augustine monk named Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses at the main door of the Wittenberg Castle Church
- ▣ The world has not been the same since
- ▣ We will not be discussing the historic or political influences of the Reformation

Introduction

- ▣ We have selected 12 different biblical passages which will be studied
- ▣ The emphasis of these passages will demonstrate the importance of the Word of God
- ▣ At Inste Bible College, we are dedicating 2017 to the celebration of the study of the Word of God

- ▣ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:14-17 ESV)

Outline



The Value of Scripture



The Source of Scripture



The Purpose of Scripture



The Goal of Scripture



The Value of Scripture

▣ From Childhood

■ Acquainted with the sacred writings

▣ ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well (2 Timothy 1:5)

▣ Timothy was at least a third generation believer

▣ Lois (grandmother)  Eunice (mother)
 Timothy

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▣ From Childhood

- Acquainted with the sacred writings
 - ▣ Paul goes to Derbe and Lystra (Acts 16:1-5)
 - He is looking for someone to accompany him
 - Timothy was well spoken of by the brothers
 - He had a good testimony
 - His father was Greek
 - He needed to be circumcised especially ministering to the Jewish diaspora
 - Timothy became one of Paul's most faithful companions/workers

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▣ From Childhood

- Acquainted with the sacred writings
 - ▣ Scripture reveals who Jesus Christ is
 - ³⁹ You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me (John 5:39 ESV)
 - Scripture informs us about Jesus Christ
 - Scripture informs us about our salvation
 - Scripture informs us about our faith

The Source of Scripture

▣ God

- God-breathed (θεόπνευστος; *theopneustos*)
- Scripture is of divine origin
- This word occurs nowhere else in the NT
 - ▣ Some say: “the Bible only contains the word of God,” or “the Bible is inspired the way Shakespeare is inspired”
 - ▣ By using “God-breathed” Paul affirms the origin of the Word is God (2 Pet 1:20-21)

The Purpose of Scripture

▣ Four Major Profitable Areas

- Teaching
- Reproof
- Correction
- Training

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▣ Four Major Profitable Areas

■ Teaching (διδασκαλία; *didaskalia*)

- ▣ Instructing believers in holistic discipleship not just information
- ▣ Great Commission related “teaching them all things I have commanded” (Matt 28:20)
- ▣ Teaching has to do with knowing, doing and being
- ▣ Teaching is transformational

The Purpose of Scripture

▣ Four Major Profitable Areas

- Reproof (ἐλεγμός; *elegmos*) correction, conviction
- Those in sin (1 Tim 5:20)
- Those who are in error (2 Tim 4:2-3)
- Paul modelled this important principle when the Ephesian leaders visited him in Miletus (Acts 20:17-21)

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▣ Four Major Profitable Areas

- Correction (ἐπανόρθωσις; *epanorthōsis*)
setting right, improvement,
restoration to a right state
 - ▣ Correcting those who are opposed to the
gospel (2 Tim 2:25)
 - ▣ Preaching the gospel (2 Tim 4:2)
 - ▣ Correction has to do with the defense of
the faith (apologetics)

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▣ Four Major Profitable Areas

- Training (παιδεία; *paideia*)- lit. training of a child, instruction, discipline
- The intent of forming proper habits of behavior which means a change toward right living
- In righteousness (δικαιοσύνη; *dikaiosynē*)
 - ▣ Doing what God requires, what is right
 - ▣ Guiding believers in God's ways

The Goal of Scripture

- ▣ The Man/Woman of God
 - Complete- (ἄρτιος; *artios*) capable, proficient, fully qualified
 - This is the on-going process of being changed into the image of Jesus Christ
 - Paul begins his counsel to Timothy regarding his upbringing as a child to now being an adult and laborer for the Lord

The Goal of Scripture

- ▣ The Man/Woman of God
 - Equipped- (ἐξαρτίζω; *exartizō*) finish, make adequate, to bring to an end, thoroughly perfected
 - We are to be fully like our teacher and model (Lk 6:40)
 - Paul believed in this as a multi-generational principle (2 Tim 2:2)
 - For every good work (the ministry/service)

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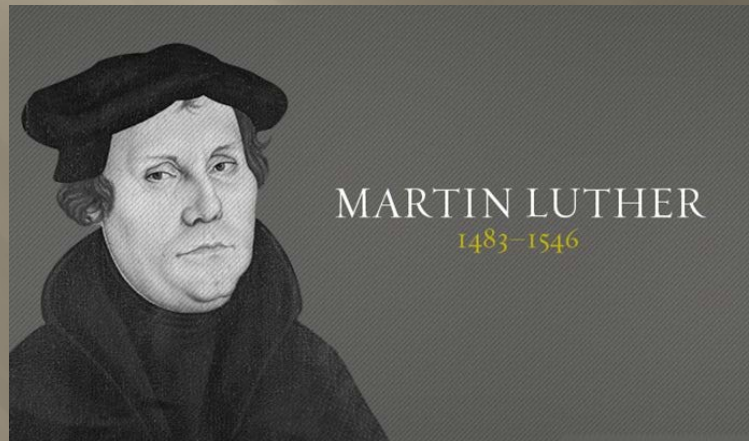
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Conclusion

- ▣ Scripture is not just a suggestion
 - It is God's GPS for His people
 - It is His love letter in our day of loneliness
 - It is life and light in the midst of death and darkness
 - Let's commit our time and focus to the serious study and celebration of Scripture



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