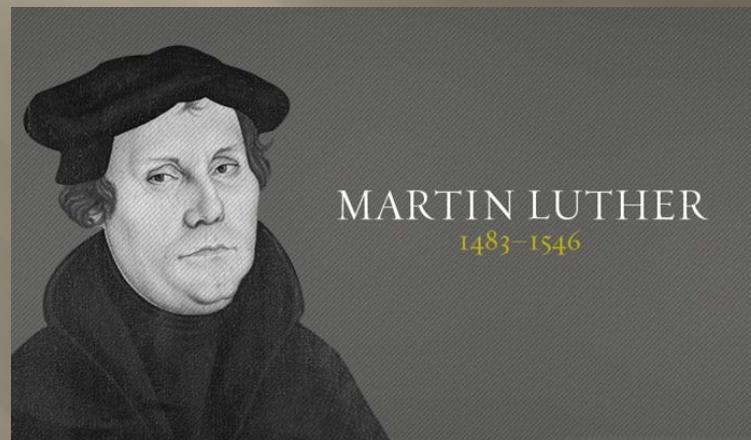


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Introduction

- ❑ 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

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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

The Value of Scripture

- ❑ From Childhood
 - Acquainted with the sacred writings
 - Paul goes to Derbe and Lystra (Acts16:1-5)
 - 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

The Value of Scripture

- 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 ($\thetaεόπνευστος$; *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

The Purpose of Scripture

- 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)

The Purpose of Scripture

- 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)

The Purpose of Scripture

- ❑ 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- ($\alphaρτιος$; *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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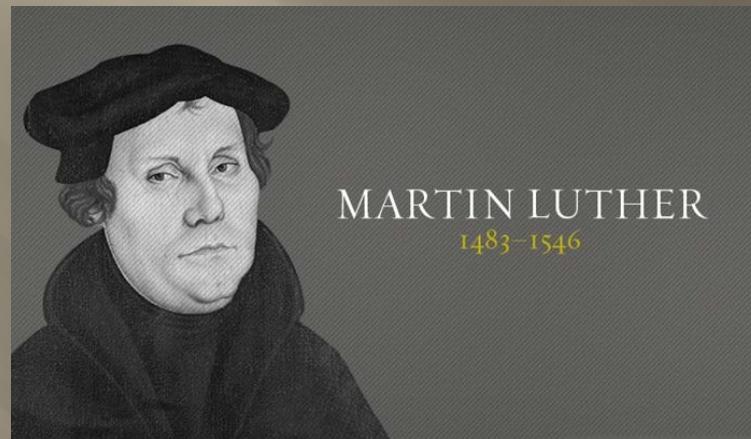
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Conclusion

- ❑ 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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