

III. Scripture is **universally profitable** (beneficial, applicable)

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, **and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

1 Corinthians 9:8 Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? **1 Corinthians 9:9** For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? **1 Corinthians 9:10** Or saith he *it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that* he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.

1 Corinthians 10:6 Now these things were our examples (τύποι), to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

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

Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, **that** we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

What does this mean?

- Scripture is profitable / applicable / beneficial
- All scripture is profitable
- Scripture is profitable **in and of itself!**
- Scripture is profitable **and** becomes profitable to the individual **as** God opens one's eyes

Psalm 119:18 Open thou mine eyes, That I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

Luke 24:25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: **Luke 24:26** Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? **Luke 24:27** And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24:32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, **and while he opened to us the scriptures?**

Luke 24:45 Then **opened he** their understanding, **that** they might understand the scriptures,

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6. The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down or necessarily contained in the Holy Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelation of the Spirit, or traditions of men. Nevertheless, we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word, and that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and government of the church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.

- Scripture is profitable for / in its **God-given** purposes

Life & godliness, doctrine, reproof, correction, righteousness....

Can you imagine life without Ps. 23, 27, 73. . . ?

Psalm 19:7 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple. **Psalm 19:8** The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: The commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes. **Psalm 19:9** The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether. **Psalm 19:10** More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. **Psalm 19:11** Moreover by them is thy servant warned: *And* in keeping of them *there is* great reward.

Psalm 119:54 Thy statutes have been my songs In the house of my pilgrimage.

Psalm 119:72 The law of thy mouth *is* better unto me Than thousands of gold and silver.

Psalm 119:92 Unless thy law *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

Psalm 119:97 O how love I thy law! It *is* my meditation all the day. **Psalm 119:98** Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: For they *are* ever with me. **Psalm 119:99** I have more understanding than all my teachers: For thy testimonies *are* my meditation. **Psalm 119:100** I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep thy precepts. **Psalm 119:101** I have refrained my feet from every evil way, That I might keep thy word. **Psalm 119:102** I have not departed from thy judgments: For thou hast taught me. **Psalm 119:103** How sweet are thy words unto my taste! *Yea, sweeter* than honey to my mouth! **Psalm 119:104** Through thy precepts I get understanding: Therefore I hate every false way. **Psalm 119:105** Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:126 *It is* time for *thee*, LORD, to work: *For* they have made void thy law.

Psalm 119:129 Thy testimonies *are* wonderful: Therefore doth my soul keep them.

Psalm 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; It giveth understanding unto the simple.

Psalm 119:162 I rejoice at thy word, As one that findeth great spoil.

V. Scripture is absolutely authoritative!

2 Timothy 4:1 I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; **2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.** **2 Timothy 4:3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; **2 Timothy 4:4** And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. **2 Timothy 4:5** But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Romans 4:3 **For what saith the scripture?** Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Romans 9:17 **For the scripture saith** unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

Romans 10:11 **For the scripture saith**, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Romans 11:2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. **Wot ye not what the scripture saith** of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,

Galatians 4:30 Nevertheless **what saith the scripture?** Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

Matthew 12:3 But he said unto them, **Have ye not read what David did**, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;

Matthew 12:5 **Or have ye not read in the law**, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?

Matthew 19:4 And he answered and said unto them, **Have ye not read**, that he which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female,

Matthew 21:16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; **have ye never read**, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise? **Matthew 21:42** Jesus saith unto them, **Did ye never read in the scriptures**, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

Matthew 22:31 But as touching the resurrection of the dead, **have ye not read** that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,

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9. The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself; and therefore when there is a question about the true and full sense of any Scripture (which is not manifold, but one), it must be searched by other places that speak more clearly.

10. The supreme judge, by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits, are to be examined, and in whose sentence we are to rest, can be no other but the Holy Scripture delivered by the Spirit, into which Scripture so delivered, our faith is finally resolved.

What Scripture says, God says!