

The Bulletin

Meeks St. Church of Christ

1201 Meeks St. Corinth, Ms. 38834

Phone – (662) 808-7777

Visit Our Website at:
MeeksstreetchurchofChrist.com

September 22, 2024

“The Inspired Scriptures”

By Dennis Abernathy



“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: 16-17).

All Scripture includes the holy Scriptures of the Old Testament and the New Testament. The all-inspired Scripture is “God breathed.” It has been said the Bible is “the breath of God in print.”

The Scriptures are not inspired because some church council decreed that they are. Rather, they are inspired because God made them so! Because Scripture is inspired, it is *profitable* or *useful*, and thus, stands in contrast to the profitless teaching and speculation of false teachers.

“All Scripture” is profitable for four purposes. (1) *“Teaching or doctrine”* i.e., we are to teach and preach the God-breathed Scriptures, and not our opinions or philosophies of men. This precludes the creeds of men! (2) *“reproof or rebuke.”* When people’s actions jeopardize their souls, they need to be rebuked, which is to be done with meekness and gentleness in the spirit of love. (3). *“Correction.”* It is not enough to tell people they are wrong (reproof); but we also must tell them how to be right (Ephesians 5: 11). (4) *“training, instruction, or discipline in righteousness.”*

In summation then, the Scriptures are profitable and all-sufficient as God’s rule Book of faith and practice. The Scriptures (the Bible) is profitable for *“teaching”* (what is right), for *“reproof”* (what is not right), for *“correction”* (how to get right), and for *“training in righteousness”* (how to stay right).

Therefore, the Bible is *“all-sufficient”* — 2 Peter 1: 3, *“as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,”*

It shows us what is right and shows us what is wrong. It enables us to distinguish between the two (Philippians 1: 9-10; Hebrews 5: 12-14).

It helps us to get right, and it helps us to stay right, and it equips us for every good work! In matters of religion, morals, ethics, and how to live as a Christian, we have not been given the prerogative to do what we choose based on our opinions, or ever-changing societal trends, because what God says in His inspired Scriptures is ALL THAT COUNTS!

Think on these things.

“Does God Accept Me “Just As I Am?”

By Joe R. Price

Occasionally I hear or read that God accepts us "just as we are." I am not entirely sure what that statement means. I would like for someone who says, "God will accept me just as I am" or, "God has accepted me just as I am," to explain what that means, using God's word, the Bible, to justify the sentiment (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22).

The Scriptures teach that God will not accept me "just as I am" . . .

(1) If I refuse to believe in Jesus Christ. "To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sin" (Acts 10:43). The unbeliever will not be accepted by God "just as he is," but the lake of fire will accept him in his unbelief (Rev. 21:8). To think Jesus will save you "just as you are" while you refuse to live by faith is self-deception (John 8:23-24).

(2) If I refuse to repent of my sins. *"I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish"* (Luke 13:5). Paul preached sinners "should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance" (Acts 26:20).

So, God will not accept the liar "just as he is." He must repent of his lying and "speak truth with his neighbor" (Ephesians 4:25). God will not accept an adulterer "just as he is." He must repent of his adultery and stop his sinful relationship and conduct (Revelation 9:20-21).

Some brethren teach people they should continue to live in their unscriptural, sinful, and adulterous remarriage relationship when they obey the gospel (Matthew 19:9). The words of the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians 7:24 are twisted to support this encouragement, convincing sinners they may remain in an unholy remarriage they believe has been sanctified by baptism. No, Jesus will not receive you "just as you are" if you refuse to repent and cease your sin, including adultery. The Lord does not accept anyone who continues to sin (Romans 6:1-2).

(3) If I refuse to confess my faith in Christ. *" . . . if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation"* (Romans 10:9-10).

Does this describe Jesus unconditionally accepting a sinner "just as he is?" No, if one will not confess Jesus before men, Jesus will not confess him before the Father in heaven (Matthew 10:33). He will not be accepted "just as he is" without confessing faith - he will be lost in sin.

(4) If I refuse to be baptized for the remission of my sins. *"He who believes and is baptized will be saved," not the one who believes but refuses to be baptized"* (Mark 16:16). Many souls will be lost because they comfort themselves believing God accepts them "just as they are" despite rejecting the Lord's command to be baptized to be saved.

(5) If I refuse to be faithful to the Lord. *"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say"* (Luke 6:46)? This warning should resonant in the ear of every Christian who thinks the Lord will accept him "just as he is" even while living unfaithfully. Faith without works (of faith) is dead. But faith working through love avails in Christ (James 2:17; Galatians 5:6-7). The Lord will not accept you "just as you are" if you live unfaithfully.

What is your spiritual condition before God? Will God accept you "just as you are?" Not if you do not believe Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Son of the living God; Not if you believe Jesus is the Son of God but you will not confess your faith in Him; Not if you have confessed your faith but will not repent and remove sin from your life (Rom. 6:1-2); Not if you reject baptism as necessary for your salvation from sin (1 Peter 3:21; Acts 22:16); and not if you are a Christian who is being unfaithful to Jesus (Galatians 2:20).

God will save and accept you when you surrender to His will and do what He wants instead of remaining "just as you are."

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You" (Psalm 51:10-13).

Those Who Need Our Prayers & Encouragement:

Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Daniel Holloway, Debbie Keplinger, Robbie, Sheila, & Sherry Doles, Sandi Poole, Sandra Oliver, Chad Harris, Eli Johnson, Jamie Jones, Mary Ann Holley, LuAnne Parrish, Billy Grisham, Burt Ward, Wesley Trimble, Anita Harris, Fred Johnson, Bill Hall, George Hutto, Nathan Cox, Angela Warren (Lisa Busby's friend who has cancer), B.J. Graves, Danny Cottrell, Chandler McCain (Cancer), Randall Oliver's (Lynlie's Dad) heart ablation on September 30th, Michelle Hopper (Dan Cottrell's sister) has been diagnosed with cancer, & Robbie Doles has a MRI scheduled for this Tuesday.

Northeast Church of Christ At Hamm Street in Tupelo is having a Gospel Meeting beginning October 6th—11th. Speaker: Shawn Chancellor.

Our Gospel Meeting with Mitchell Dalrymple begins October 20th—23rd.

Those Who Serve:

Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:

Opening Prayer: Blake Briggs
Preaching: Brian Meade
Sermon #1: "The Boldness Of God's People"

Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:

Workbook: Fred Johnson
Author: Hebrews
Daniel H. King, Sr
Starting Page & Question: Page #91, Question #1

Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:

Announcements: Jerry Kennemur
Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading: Russell Briggs
Scripture Reading: Psalm 11:1-7
Song Leader: Dan Cottrell
Lord's Supper: Doug George
Assisting: — —
Singing Service: Men Lead Singing
Invitation: Brian Meade
Closing Prayer: Conner Whittemore

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M.

September 25, 2024

Auditorium Bible Class: Russell Briggs
Workbook: The Minor Prophets #2
Author: By Marc Gibson
Starting Page & Question: Page 22, Question #1
Invitation: Jerry Kennemur
Song Leader: Dan Cottrell
Closing Prayer: Nathan Meade

Visit our YouTube Channel:



Meeks Street Church of Christ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgiXJxZC1oraOugO9qlfBtw?view_as=subscriber

And Our Facebook Page.

For sermon videos, articles, and announcements.

“The Boldness Of God’s People”

Lesson Text: **Proverbs 28:1.**

I. What Is Boldness?

Boldness- the trait of being willing to undertake activities that involve risk or danger; especially that involve being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech.

- It Is Opposite Of Timidity, Fear, or Cowardice.
- Boldness Is Not Rude, Crude, Or Unloving Behavior.
- God Wants Boldness With Love- **Ephesians 4:15; 1 Corinthians 13:5.**
- Boldness Is Not Arrogance— But With All Humility **Acts 20:19; Col. 3:12.**
- Jesus Was Bold In His Teaching & Healing- **John 7:26.**
- Peter & John Were Bold In Proclaiming Christ- **Acts 4:13.**
- Paul Was Bold Speaking Of Christ- **Acts 9:27-30; 28:30-31.**
- Apollos Preached Boldly- **Acts 18:26-28.**

II. When Do We Need Boldness?

- When Speaking & Preaching The Word In Controversy.
 - **Acts 13:45-46; 14:1-7; 19:8-9; 1 Thessalonians 2:2.**
- When Rebuking And Correcting Error.
 - **Isaiah 58:1; Micah 3:8; 2 Timothy 2:24-25.**
- When Having Crucial Conversations With Others.
 - **Philemon**
- When Restoring A Brother To Christ.
 - **Galatian 6:1; James 5:19-20.**
- When We Go To God In Prayer.
 - **Hebrews 4:16.**
- In The Day Of Judgment.
 - **1 John 4:17.**

III. How Do We Get Boldness?

- Pray For It- **Acts 4:23-31; Ephesians 6:19-20.**
- Trust In God- **Isaiah 50:7; Hebrews 10:19-22; 2 Corinthians 3:12.**
- Increase Our Faith & Love- **Ephesians 3:12; 1 John 4:18.**
- By Keeping Jesus’ Words- **1 John 3:18-22.**
- Having A Close Relationship With Jesus- **Hebrews 13:5-6.**