

Why We Must Teach the Bible

Text: II Tim 3:15

- Daniel Webster offered excellent advice, saying, "If we work on marble it will perish. If we work on brass, time will efface it. If we rear temples, they will crumble to dust. But if we work on men's immortal minds, if we imbue them with high principles, with just fear of God and love of their fellow-men, we engrave on those tablets something which time cannot efface, and which will brighten and brighten to all eternity.
- I'm thankful that this week all of you recognized the great importance of teaching our young people the Bible, and the great joy it is to learn the Bible!
- Children now more than ever need to learn the Bible! V. 1-2
- There is a battle raging in our day over one thing- the truth. Some believe there is no such thing as truth. Some believe that truth cannot be absolute, and some believe that truth is always changing- the problem with those statements is that they destroy themselves! How can you make a proclamation of truth, and deny the existence of truth?
- John 17:17- Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth!
- John 14:6- I am the way, the truth, and the life; No man cometh unto the Father but by me.

I. The Bible is God's Word- v. 16

- a. It has stood the test of time-
 - i. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."
 - ii. Voltaire said in 100 years Christianity would be extinct, and you will have to go to a museum to find a Bible! (Psalm 119:89)

- b. There has to be a standard for truth, a measuring stick, a compass- God's Inspired Word!
- c. Your kids this week did not learn from Dr. Phil's latest book, or People magazine- they learned from that blessed old book, God's Word, the Bible!

II. The Bible teaches us the way of salvation v. 15

- a. Man has many different ways of salvation:
 - i. Good deeds vs. bad deeds (giant scale)
 - ii. Keep the golden rule
 - iii. Religious rituals- go to church, get baptized, confirmations and communions, tithe, etc.
- b. God has only one way of salvation- faith in Christ
 - i. The Bible teaches we are all sinners in danger of judgement, (Romans 3:23, 6:23a)
 - ii. Christ died for our sins! Romans 5:8
 - iii. We must each individually believe! John 3:16
 - 1. What does believe mean?- confident expectation. To trust.
 - 2. Believe is not just mental acceptance
 - 3. Total dependence, not a split trust.
 - iv. This is the only Bible way to Heaven!

Conclusion:

- We must continue to teach the Bible
- "Hold fast to our Bible. When the old landmarks are removed, when rot and decay are everywhere, when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Bible is the only sure anchor. The world's signposts will blow down in the storm. Human psychology and philosophy are full of uncertainties. Only God's word is authoritative, eternal, and changeless."- John Phillips