

“SCRIPTURE INSPIRED OF GOD”

(II Tim. 3:16-17)

“16 Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: 17 that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work,” II Tim. 3:16-17. This message was initially written to the young preacher Timothy; yet, has application and meaning to all of those who were to become Christians. Every work that needs to be done by a Child of God is **“authorized through the inspired Word of God.”**

Paul declares the message, God’s Word, is **“not after man,”** Gal. 1:1. This is a message **“breathed upon the apostles,”** by Jesus, Jno. 20:22, and through the Holy Spirit the apostles taught as *“the Spirit gave them utterance,”* Acts 2:4. Thus, this is to be known as **“the apostles teaching,”** Acts 2:42. Now this is what is known as **“the Law of Christ,”** Gal. 6:2, or *“The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and death,”* Rom. 8:2. This is the law delivered from God, through Christ Jesus, by the Holy Spirit through the apostles, which leads, guides, and directs us in **“ever good work.”**

Paul said to the Elders of Ephesus, *“I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance among all them that are sanctified,”* Acts 20:32. This is the instructions that will **give a person direction concerning heaven – eternal life.** It is described as **“a narrow gate and a straitened way unto life,”** Matt. 7:14. You follow this path and it will lead you to **heaven.** Everything you need, to be able to enter into heaven, is provided through these instructions given from heaven – these instructions are **“inspired of God,” - “God breathed!”**

We are warned by Paul, *“Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God,”* Heb. 3:12. As we live through life we need to **remember** the words of God to Moses, *“See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern that was showed thee in the mount,”* Heb. 8:5. The Law of Moses was nailed to the cross, Col. 2:14; so, we are not under that Law. We are under the **Law of Christ,** Gal. 6:2. As was expected of Moses under his Law; so, it is expected of us of the Law we live under: *“Of how much sorer punishment, think ye, shall he be judged worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?”* Heb. 10:29. It is expected of us to be **obedient** to the “inspired scriptures delivered by God through Christ and was taught by the Holy Spirit through the apostles. This is a **Holy** message, it is a **sanctified** message and is a message **we must respect and obey.**

Here is a message that **“is complete, furnished completely unto every good work,”** II Tim. 3:17. This is a message that must be read, *“whereby, when ye read, ye can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ,”* Eph. 3:4. Paul instructs the young preacher Timothy to “Study,” II Tim. 2:15. The books of the Old Testament are inspired of God and must be accepted as such – Genesis – Malachi; but, we live under the Law of Christ and it is **this Law** that must be honored and obeyed.

In Jno. 8:32 Jesus said, *“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”* Again Jesus said, *“Sanctify them in truth; thy word is truth,”* Jno. 17:17. We should make a determination to **learn** God’s *“inspired word,”* and **obey** it for the rest of our lives.

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