Lesson Five

The BIBLE AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Scripture: Psa. 1:1-3 and 19:7-14. KEY VERSE: II Tim.3:16-17

INTRODUCTION: In our last lesson we saw that it was through the Bible we received the life of God; i.e. were saved. The present lesson is to show that this divine life is nurtured and maintained by that same Word.

1. THE BIBLE ESTABLISHES US: IT IS THE BASIS OF OUR ASSURANCE.

I John 5:13 “These … written … that ye may KNOW.”

The blood of Christ made us safe; the Word of God makes us sure.

Assurance of salvation does not depend on our feelings but on the Word of God. We rest on the promises of God; such as John 5:24, John 6:37, John 10:28.

1. THE BIBLE DEVELOPS US: IT IS THE SOURCE OF OUR STRENGTH.

Acts 20:32 “Word … able to build you up.”

Matt.4:4 “not live by bread alone … but by every Word … God.”

Psa.1:3 “delight in law … like a tree …bring forth fruit.”

I Pet. 2:2 “desire … Word … that ye may grow thereby.”

1. THE BIBLE TEACHES US: IT IS THE FOUNT OF ALL KNOWLEDGE.

II Tim. 3:16 “Scripture … profitable for doctrine.”

Prov. 2:6 “out of His mouth cometh knowledge…”

Psa. 19:7 “testimony of the Lord … making wise the simple.”

Amos 3:7 “He revealeth His secret unto … the prophets.”

Matt. 22:29 “Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures.”

1. THE BILBE REPROVES US: IT IS THE STANDARD OF CONDUCT.

II Tim. 3:16 “Scriptures … profitable for reproof … correction.”

Heb. 4:12 “Word of God … discerner of the thoughts, etc.”

John 5:22 “Spoken … now they have no cloke for their sin.”

Psa. 19:11 “By them (God’s words) is thy servant warned.”

1. THE BIBLE COMFORTS US: IT IS THE WORD OF CONSOLATION.

Rom. 15:4 “written … that … comfort of the Scripture … hope.”

Psa.119:52 and 81 (Comfort and hope from the Word of God).

In trouble: John 16:1-4 (He gave word to sustain us)

In death: I Thess. 4:18 “Comfort … with these words.”

1. THE BIBLE CLEANSES US: IT IS THE MEANS OF SANCTIFICATION.

John 15:3, John 17:17, Eph. 5:26. The Word cleanses.

Psa. 119:9 and Psa. 119:105.

Christ overcame temptation by the Word. Matt. 4:4, 7, 10.

1. THE BIBLE FURNISHES US: IT IS OUR EQUIPMENT FOR SERVICE.

II Tim. 2:15 “Study … workman … rightly dividing the Word.”

Eph. 6:17. It is the one weapon we are to use. II Cor. 10:4, 10.

II Tim. 4:2 “PREACH THE WORD.”