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Psalm 19:7-11

Need a Bible today?



***Please raise your hand
and our ushers will
bring a Bible to you.***

***This is our gift for you
to take home!***

***Or you may return it to
the table in the back after
the service.***



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Membership Commitments

I will fully submit myself to the authority
of God's Holy Scriptures



main point

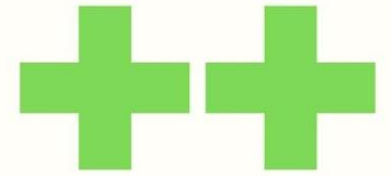
The local church is strengthened when its members are committed to the authority of God's Holy Scriptures.

We submit to God's Holy Scriptures because...

We care more about what God has to say than man



1 Thessalonians 2:13



¹³ And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

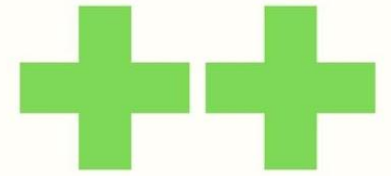


We submit to God's Holy Scriptures because...

Spiritual **growth** is **impossible** apart from it.



2 Timothy 3:16-17



¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.



We submit to God's Holy Scriptures because...

God's words are the life **source** of
greatest **freedom**

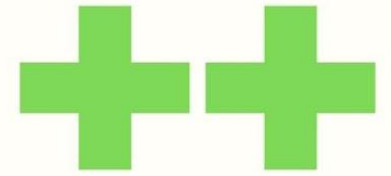


We submit to God's Holy Scriptures because...

No other standard will endure the
test of **time** and **trouble**



Matthew 7:24-25



²⁴ "Everyone then who **hears these words of mine and does them** will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but **it did not fall**, because it had been founded on the rock.



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May the God of endurance and encouragement grant us to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together we may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6



"Committed to Spiritual Authority"

Psalm 19:7-11 - *Pastor Scott Gnuse*

Main Point: The local church is strengthened when its members are committed to the authority of God's Holy Scriptures.

We submit to God's Holy Scriptures as our highest authority because...

- We care more about what _____ has to say than _____.
- Spiritual _____ is _____ apart from it.
- God's words are the life _____ of greatest _____.
- No other standard will endure the test of _____ and _____.

Reflection Questions:

1. Consider the interaction between Jesus and Peter in John 6:67-68. When are you tempted to run to the opinions of men rather than the words of Christ? According to this passage, why is that a mistake?
2. Many consider the Bible to be an outdated book. How would you respond to such criticisms? How did this lesson help you better understand the priority of God's Word even today?
3. Read again David's personal love for God's Word in Psalm 19:7-11. In what ways have you been blessed by the Word of God in your own life?
4. Do the teachings of Scripture feel like more of a burden or a blessing to you? In what ways? In what sense is God's Word meant to be the greatest source of freedom for us as His people?
5. What might it look like for you to strengthen your commitment to the authority of God's Holy Scriptures here at New Castle? How about in your day-to-day life?

Passages for Further Study:

- Psalm 1; 19; Psalm 119
- Matthew 7:24-27
- John 6:67-68; 17:17
- Acts 2:42; 5:29; 17:11
- 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- 1 Timothy 1:3-4; 4:11-16; 6:20
- 2 Timothy 2:14-16; 3:16-17; 4:2-4
- James 1:22-25
- 1 Peter 1:24-25
- 2 Peter 1:3, 19-21
- 1 John 5:3