

The Bible is Living & Active; It is the Sword of the Spirit!

Hebrews 4:1-3, 8-16; Ephesians 6:17

- ⇒ This chapter draws upon the OT teaching about “rest.” God “rested” after His creative work. Joshua gave “rest” as he led God’s people into the Promised Land. The OT texts, however, point to an even greater “rest” when we trust Christ as our Savior and “rest” from our human efforts to earn God’s forgiveness. We also look forward to eternal “rest” when we enter God’s immediate presence through death or Christ’s return.
- ⇒ V. 1 & 11 both contain dire _____ that have eternal consequences! “Make sure you do not ignore what God says in His Word!”
- ⇒ God’s Word draws a clear line and exposes _____ things. God uses His Word to point out what is going on in our hearts.
- ⇒ The Bible is not simply an old book written by people who died a long time ago; it is the Life-Giving Word of the living God, pointing us to God’s salvation, brought to us through our great Redeemer, Savior, and Friend, Jesus Christ.

Response to God’s Life-Giving Word

- ⇒ Hear God’s call to trust Christ as your Savior and to follow Christ with your life! If you do not know that you know Christ, trust Him today!
- ⇒ Let us renew our commitment to “line-up” under the authority of God’s written, living, and authoritative Word! We must not compromise on its truth. We must not silence or minimize God’s voice through Scripture. We must not be among those who follow the crowd (I Kings 22), or like Satan, ask, “Did God really say...?” (Genesis 3:1)
- ⇒ What are **your** habits regarding God’s written Word? Is it “sweeter than honey” to your weary soul? (Psalm 19:10)

Next Sunday: September 18, 2022

“Foundations: God’s Glorious & Messy Church Must Shape Us”

Hebrews 3:12-13; Pastor Jay Mosser

Answer Key: ▪ world ▪ flesh ▪ devil ▪ Special ▪ General ▪ wrongly ▪ treasure ▪ holiness ▪ warnings ▪ hidden

Sermon Notes – September 11, 2022

Foundations for Church Life in an Antagonistic Age

- ⇒ Welcome to Fall 2022! As we enter a new ministry year, we want to begin by remembering who we are as God’s people, and what exactly God has called us to be and do.
- ⇒ We live in an antagonistic age – that is, antagonistic to God, to God’s Word, and to a faith-driven life. As always, we have three main adversaries: the _____ system, the _____, and the _____.
- ⇒ Today we’ll look at Foundation #1: “God’s Life-Giving Word Must Define us.” To help us get there...
- ⇒ Book suggestion: “Word Centered Church: How Scripture Brings Life & Growth to God’s People,” by Jonathan Leeman (16-23).

Today’s Texts: II Timothy 2-4; Hebrews 4:12

From beginning to end, God tells us of the value HE places on His written Word, what theologians call “_____ Revelation.” We learn of God’s existence and power through “_____ Revelation, but we need God’s written Word to know God’s story of redemption. Today’s texts, among many others, tell us of the importance of God’s Word and how He uses His Word to teach & change us.

The Bible is “God Breathed”; It is GOD’S WORD!

II Timothy 2:14-19; 3:10-17; 4:1-5

- ⇒ God’s Word must be “rightly-handled”; it is inerrant, clear, and authoritative. The Bible can also be “_____ -handled.”
- ⇒ God’s Word is a _____ to be guarded, a standard to be lived by, and to believe it or to disbelieve it has eternal consequences.
- ⇒ God’s Word is the primary tool of God’s Spirit for the salvation of lost men & women, & for our growth in _____.
- ⇒ Two Old Testament stories that highlight the folly of trusting human wisdom, even those who claim divine authority:
 - I Kings 13:18 – “But he lied to him”
 - I Kings 22 – “Is there not here a prophet of the LORD?”