

VALUE OF THE BIBLE

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Let's briefly examine a few things that make God's word "valuable."

Source of Spiritual life. "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." (John 5:24) Only by obeying the Bible's message can one obtain eternal life. It gives us spiritual instruction regarding how to receive remission from our past sins. Once spiritually dead, we are now spiritually alive {Ephesians 2:1}.

Source of light. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." {Psalm 119:105} Those who walk in sin are in spiritual darkness. God's word can provide light that shines and shows us the way out of the darkness. This light, as it continues to shine in our lives, leads us in directions and paths that are pleasing and acceptable to God. No other book can provide sufficient illumination to guide us in the straight and narrow way that leads to life {Matthew 7:13,14}.

Source of liberty. "Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, if you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31,32) God's people are no longer bound and shackled to sin. Christ's blood has freed us from our bondage to sin {Romans 6:1-7}. The Christian has liberty in Christ. How? James referred to the truth as the "perfect law of liberty." (James 1:25). Truth shows us the way to have true liberty in Christ. As long as man is in bondage to sin, he has no liberty. Jesus died to make liberty available to man {Hebrews 2:9-15}.

Without the Scriptures, you and I would not know the way to Christ and true liberty. Only through the revelation of God's mind can mankind experience the true liberty that can be gained in Christ {1 Corinthians 2:9-13}. Thanks be to God for such a powerful and insightful guide to help us travel life's uneven pathways. Yet, please remember such wonderful wisdom and knowledge can be of no personal benefit if one does not know that truth. Let each of us commit ourselves to study and meditate on this wonderful volume of His wisdom to help us gain heaven! ***