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**MORNING MESSAGE**

“The War on Truth: Scripture”

2 Timothy 3:14-17

INTRODUCTION

The Baptist Faith and Message, “The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God’s revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all scripture is totally true and trustworthy”

- I. THE INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE (v.14)
  - A. “Bible” comes from a Latin word that means “little books”
    1. The Bible is a collection of 66 “little books”; 39 Old Testament little books and 27 New Testament little books
  - B. The Bible was written by at least 40 authors over a period of 1500-1600 years
    1. The authors were fishermen, poets, tax collectors, prophets, shepherds, doctors, kings, and more
  - C. The Bible was written on three different continents (Asia, Africa, Europe) and in three different languages (Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic)
    1. Yet, it has no errors or contradictions
    2. It has one theme (redemption), one hero (Jesus), one villain (the devil), and one purpose (the glory of God)
- II. THE INTENT OF THE SCRIPTURE (v.15)
  - A. The intent of the scripture is to lead people to salvation
    1. Paul makes it clear that you are saved through “faith which is in Christ Jesus”
  - B. People get saved when they hear the Word of God
    1. John 5:39, “You search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life: and these are they which testify of me”
    2. Romans 10:17, “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God”
- III. THE INSPIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURE (v.16a)
  - A. The Bible claims to be different from any other book
    1. It is “given by inspiration of God”
      - a. “Inspiration” means “God-breathed”
  - B. Although the Bible was penned by men, it was authored (inspired) by God
    1. 2 Peter 1:21, “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Spirit of God”
  - C. The Bible is a supernatural Book
- IV. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SCRIPTURE (vv.16b-17)
  - A. The Bible is profitable; the Greek word means useful or beneficial
    1. “Doctrine” means teaching; it tells us what is right
    2. “Reproof” means rebuking; it tells us what is wrong

3. "Correction" means restoring something to its proper condition; it tells us how to get right
  4. "Instruction" means training; it tells us how to stay right (in proper condition)
  5. Wiersbe, "The Bible tells us what is right, what is not right, how to get right, and how to stay right"
- B. The Bible is productive
1. "Perfect" means to be complete, capable, or adequate
  2. "Furnished" means to be equipped