

Why Are We Here?

Know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

He who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. Those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments: that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another.

He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved. Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

The goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. In speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. Give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching. Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

*2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17
Hebrews 11:6; John 4:24; 1 John 2:3, 3:23
Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:4
1 Timothy 1:5, 4:12, 13, 15, 16
Ecclesiastes 12:13; Jude 1:24-25*