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All Sufficient Galatians 1:6-9

Longer passages are not quoted in the study sheet, but they can be read in the accompanying transcript.

God gave us _____ spiritual truth in the Scriptures that we _____ to live godly lives and get to heaven. Today we'll study the all-sufficiency of the Bible. Because God is holy, we can regard every _____ that comes from God as sacred. Because our holy God knows everything and is all wise, we can consider the Word of God as _____ than anything that comes from man. Because God is holy, wise, and loving, we know that every word that comes from God is for our _____ interest. Because God has the Words of eternal life, and because we love Him, we must _____ and _____ His words carefully.

Many in the world do not like what the Bible _____. Some in the religious world imagine that they can _____ on Biblical faith and provide a Christianity that is more _____ to the world, so they _____ the Scriptures to make them say what they want rather than listen to what God actually says. Others believe that Christians ought to _____ their moral standards so that the world can, without shame, feel free to practice things that the Bible calls _____. But the idea of changing God's eternal teaching in any way must _____ God and disturb anyone who loves Him.

The Lord Jesus said "It's written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by _____ word that comes from the mouth of God'" (Matthew 4:4). We need to pay much closer attention to the Word of God because we _____ every word that comes from His mouth. God hasn't forgotten anything or neglected to tell us anything that we need to know to live holy lives, to function as the church, or to get to heaven. We aren't _____ anything; and our Bible can guide us into all the truth! Are you reading your Bible?

Our reading today comes from Galatians 1:6-9.

The Bible clearly reveals that from the time of Moses, God wanted His wisdom, His instructions, and His promises to be _____ down and preserved for later generations. Exodus 24:4 says, "Moses then wrote down all the _____ of the Lord," and this book was preserved in the Ark of the Covenant according to Deuteronomy 31:26. God commanded Moses that every seven years "you shall _____ this law before all Israel in their hearing. Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to _____ the Lord your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law, and that their children, who have not known it, may hear it and learn to fear the Lord your God" (Deuteronomy 31:11-13).

This law was vitally important to the Lord. God commanded, "You shall not _____ to the word that I command you, nor shall you _____ from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you" (Deuteronomy 4:2). Again, Moses wrote, "You shall be _____ therefore to do as the LORD your God has commanded you. You shall not turn aside to the right hand or

to the left” (Deuteronomy 5:32). A third time God said, “Everything that I command you, you shall be _____ to do. You shall not _____ to it or _____ from it. (Deuteronomy 12:32). God wanted His instructions to be _____ just as He gave them without any changes at all. Solomon said, “Do not add to his words, lest he _____ you and you be found a liar” (Proverbs 30:6).

We know that Joshua “made a _____ with the people... And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God” according to Joshua 24:25-26. We know that “Samuel told the people the ordinances of the kingdom, and _____ them in a book and placed it before the LORD” (1 Samuel 10:25). God told Isaiah to “go, write it on a tablet before them, And inscribe it on a scroll, That it may serve in the time to come, As a _____ forever” (Isaiah 30:8). We know that Ezra “set his heart to _____ the Law of the Lord, and to _____ it and to _____ his statutes and rules in Israel” (Ezra 7:20).

The New Testament uses the phrase “It is written” over _____ times. They stressed the _____ of the written Word of God. In Matthew 22:29 Jesus rebuked the Sadducees because they did not know “the Scriptures nor the _____ of God.” God undoubtedly intended from the very beginning that His Words and deeds should be _____ in Scripture. What God writes is not just written on _____ with ink, but stands written for all people in all places for all time.

God has never allowed men to tamper with or to edit His _____ words. Paul told the Corinthians that they “were not to go _____ what is written” (1 Corinthians 4:6). Later, Paul said it’s disgraceful and underhanded “to practice cunning or to _____ with God’s word” (2 Corinthians 4:2). When some Jewish leaders tried to pervert the gospel, Paul said they were accursed (Galatians 1:8-9). When some false teachers tried to change the doctrine that Christ came in the flesh, John said, “Anyone who goes too far and does not _____ in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who _____ in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son” (2 John 9). When people tamper with or edit the teaching of God, they cannot expect to _____ in the favor or grace of God.

At the end of the book of Revelation, John _____ against anyone tampering with that particular book. Read the warning in Revelation 22:18-19. Of course, what is true of the book of Revelation is also true of _____ book of the New Testament. We must not add to or take away anything from what God has caused to be _____. The Bible doesn’t need to be re-written or edited; it needs to be reread!

Why would God _____ adding to or taking away from His Scriptures? It is because God’s message is _____ and _____. It says _____ that God intended to say; and so to change Scripture in any way challenges God’s wisdom and His authority. Changing God’s Word to suit our _____, or rewriting God’s laws to _____ ourselves, is an act of utter rebellion and it dishonors God. Changing God’s teaching or His moral laws says men are _____ and wiser than God, that they know better than He knows. That’s presumptuous.

The Lord Jesus promised the apostles, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you” (John 14:26). They not only had the privilege of _____ the voice of Jesus, they also had the Holy Spirit to _____ them of the Lord’s teaching.

Read what Jesus said in John 16:12-13. The Lord Jesus knew the apostles would face many _____ and would need guidance into all the truth. Jesus didn’t withhold any truth; the Spirit guided them into _____ the truth. If they received all the truth, then no _____ truth would come in other centuries. They received every truth needed by the _____ to live as God would have them live and to have eternal life.

The apostle Peter said, “His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the _____ of him who has called us to his own glory and excellence” (2 Peter 1:3). Peter never imagined that they were _____ out of some spiritual truth that they could only find outside the Scriptures in some human tradition or in some feeling that they think came directly from the Holy Spirit. He never taught that our culture’s values _____ whatever God said long ago. No, he saw that everything that we need can be found in the _____.

Paul also understood the all-sufficiency of the Scriptures. **Read what he wrote to the young preacher Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:14-17.** Paul didn’t point Timothy to later-day prophets, to church councils, or to cultural trends that would _____ the teaching of the Lord. He told Timothy to look to _____. We must do the same. The Scriptures can make us _____ to salvation; they are God-breathed and profitable. We aren’t _____ anything when we possess the Scriptures. Acts 17:11 says, “Now these [Bereans] were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the _____ with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so.” They wanted to know what was _____!

Paul said the Scriptures are profitable for _____. Psalm 119:105 says, “Your word is a _____ to my feet, And a _____ to my path.” Christianity is _____ on teaching or doctrine. The Lord Jesus said, “If you _____ in my word, then you are truly disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31-32). Only the _____ can set us free. Acts 2:42 says that the early church “_____ themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” That teaching is _____ for us in the New Testament. Paul urged Timothy, “and what you have _____ from me in the presence of many witnesses, you _____ to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2). Paul was interested in perpetuating what had _____ been taught, not in looking to some later day church canon or supposed prophecy.

Second, the Scriptures are profitable for _____. Scripture teaches us convincingly what is right and wrong and it rebukes us for our _____. The psalmist cried out, “How can a young man keep his way _____?” The answer is, “by guarding it according to your _____. With my whole heart, I seek you; let me not _____ from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my

_____, that I might not sin against you” (Psalm 119:9-11). Reproof leads to repentance. Repentance is a change of heart that leads to a change of _____.

Reproof gives a need for the third thing that is to be profitable in Scripture, and that is _____. The Scriptures move us to repent and correct our wrongs and to leave _____ teachings for the truth. Acts, chapter 18 introduces us to a Jew named Apollos who was an eloquent _____, but he was only acquainted with the baptism of John and did not know about baptism into Christ. Acts 18:26 says “and he began to speak out _____ in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and _____ to him the way of God more accurately.” When Apollos learned the truth, he didn’t get _____ at Priscilla and Aquila for their correction. When we’re corrected, we shouldn’t get angry but should humbly _____ and thank God for the truth. Repentance brings healing to our _____, and that is why repentance is so very important.

Fourth, Scripture is profitable for _____ in righteousness. The instructions of the New Testament and the _____ found in Scripture train us how to love and care for others, to serve and worship God, to evangelize, to restore the fallen, and to be the church that Jesus loves. It teaches us how to live godly lives and how to go to heaven. It teaches us to be like Jesus. We need the examples of the New Testament to _____ us in doing good to others. In Scripture we _____ how to forgive, how to be patient, how to endure hardship, and how to serve.

The gospel _____ is all-sufficient for all time. We must preach the gospel that the _____ preached in the first century. **Read 1 Peter 1:22-25.** Psalm 119:160 says, “The sum of your _____ is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.” We need to _____ the Word of God, that it is sufficient and teaches us all we need to know.

The same _____ that purified souls in the first century will purify souls today. There’s only one imperishable _____ planted in the hearts of people causing them to be born again into Christ. That seed existed in the first century and will _____ until the end of time. If we corrupt or change that seed, it won’t produce a truly _____ person. It will produce something else outside the truth. Our souls are purified by _____ to the truth of the Lord’s gospel, not by obedience to a gospel that’s reconfigured to suit some human tradition or our culture.

Read Hebrews 2:1-3. God hasn’t called us to follow our _____ or to be like those who surround us; He has called us to _____ to His inspired and all-sufficient word. Second Corinthians 10:18 says, “For it’s not the one who commends himself who is _____, but the one whom the Lord commends.” Are you paying close attention to God’s Holy Word?

The New Testament teaches us _____ that we need to know to become a Christian and to live the Christian life. We can know the truth and be _____. To become a Christian _____ with all your heart that Jesus Christ is God’s Son. Repent of every _____; turn to what is _____. Confess Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Be _____ into Christ, immersed in water in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. When you’re baptized, God forgives your sins; He adds you to His church, and you become a child of God. After you become a Christian, stay close to God by living faithfully and by _____ in the words of Jesus.