

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 need to live godly lives and to get to heaven. Today, we'll study the all-sufficiency of the _____. Because God is holy, we can regard _____ word that comes from God as sacred. Because our holy God knows everything and is all wise, we can consider the Word of God as wiser than anything that comes from _____. Because God is holy, wise, and loving, we know that every word that comes from God is for our _____ interests. 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 _____ what the Bible teaches. Some in the religious world imagine that they can _____ on the Biblical faith and provide a Christianity more pleasing to the world, so they reinterpret the Scriptures. Or they try to make them say what they _____ rather than listen to what God actually says. Others believe Christians ought to change their moral _____ so the world can live without shame and feel to free speak and practice things that the Bible calls sin. But the idea of changing God's _____ teaching in any way offends God and disturbs those who love Him.

The Lord Jesus said, "It is 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 God. God hasn't forgotten anything or neglected to tell us anything that we need to know to live _____ lives, or to function as His church, or to receive eternal life in heaven. We aren't lacking anything; our Bible can _____ us into all the truth! Are you reading the Bible?

Our reading today comes from Galatians 1:6-9. Paul deals with some people who are trying to _____ the gospel, trying to change the Word of God into something that they _____. In this case it was Jewish Christians who were trying to _____ the old law to the gospel. This passage gives very strong statement from the lips of the apostle Paul.

The Bible clearly _____ that God from the time of Moses wanted His wisdom, His instructions, His promises to be written down and preserved for later generations. Exodus 24:4 says, "Moses then _____ down all the words of the Lord," and this book was preserved in the Ark of the Covenant (Deuteronomy 31:26). **Read what God commanded Moses to do every seven years in Deuteronomy 31:11-13.**

This law was vitally important to the Lord God. He commanded, "You shall not _____ to the word that I command you, nor _____ 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 _____ to the right hand or to the left" (Deuteronomy 5:32). A third time God said, "Everything

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that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it” (Deuteronomy 12:32). God wanted His instructions to be _____ just as He gave them without any change at all. So settled was the word that God gave that Solomon said, “Do not add to His words, lest He _____ you and you be found a liar” (Proverbs 30:6).

Joshua “made a covenant with the people... And Joshua _____ these words in the Book of the Law of God” (Joshua 24:25-26). “Samuel told the people the ordinances of the kingdom, and _____ them in the 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 _____ in the time to come As a witness forever” (Isaiah 30:8). 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. This phrase stresses the _____ of God’s written Word. Jesus rebuked the Sadducees because they didn’t know “the Scriptures nor the _____ of God” (Matthew 22:29). God undoubtedly intended that His words and deeds be preserved in _____ form in Scripture. We must recognize that what God writes is not just written on paper with ink but it stands written for all people in all places for all time.

God has never allowed men to _____ with or to edit His written 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 tamper with God’s word” (2 Corinthians 4:2). When some Jewish leaders tried to _____ the gospel, Paul said that they were accursed (Galatians 1:8-9). When some false teachers tried to _____ the doctrine that Jesus Christ came in the flesh, John said, “Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son” (2 John 9). When people tamper with, twist, 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 anybody tampering with that particular book. **Read Revelation 22:18-19.** What is true of the book of Revelation is also true of _____ book of the New Testament. We must not add or take away anything from what _____ has caused to be written. The Bible doesn’t need to be re-written or edited; it needs to be reread!

Why would God _____ adding or taking away from His Scriptures? It’s because God’s _____ is complete and final. It says everything that God intended to say; to _____ Scripture in any way challenges God’s wisdom and His authority. Changing God’s Words to suit our _____ or rewriting God’s laws to _____ ourselves is an act of utter rebellion and dishonors God. Changing God’s teaching or His moral laws is saying men are smarter 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 _____ 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 hearing the voice of Jesus, they also had the Spirit to _____ them of the Lord’s teaching.

Jesus said, “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when

the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into _____ the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come” (John 16:12-13). The Lord Jesus knew the apostles would face many problems and would need _____ into all the truth. Jesus didn’t withhold any truth; the Spirit guided them into all the truth. If they received all the truth, then no _____ revelations would come in later 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 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 some feeling that they think came directly from the Holy Spirit. He never taught that our culture’s values trump whatever God said long ago. He saw that everything we _____ can be found in the Bible.

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 Scripture and to what he had heard. 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 (speaking of the Bereans) were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word 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 true and they’re profitable for teaching. Psalm 119:105 says, “Your word is a _____ to my feet And a _____ to my path.” Christianity is built on teaching or doctrine. The Lord Jesus said, “For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice” (John 18:37). Acts 2:42 says the early church “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” The New Testament preserves this teaching.

Paul urged Timothy, “and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to _____ 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 _____ us for our sins. The psalmist cried out, “How can a young man keep his way _____? By guarding it according to your _____. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not _____ against you” (Psalm 119:9-11). Reproof leads to repentance. Repentance is a change of heart that leads to a change of ways.

Reproof gives a need for the third thing that’s profitable in Scripture, and that’s _____.

The Scriptures move us to repent, to correct our wrongs, and to leave the false teachings for the truth. Acts 18 introduces us to a man, a Jew named Apollos, who was an eloquent _____, but he was only acquainted with the baptism of John and didn't know about baptism into Christ. Acts 18:26 says, "he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and _____ to him the way of God more accurately." Apollos didn't get _____ at Priscilla and Aquila for their correction. When we're corrected, we shouldn't get angry but should _____ change and thank God for the truth. Repentance brings healing to our _____, and that's why repentance is so very important.

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

The gospel message is all-sufficient for all time in all places. We must preach the gospel that the apostles preached in the first century. **Read what 1 Peter 1:22-25 says.** Psalm 119:160 says, "The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever." We should be thankful that we have a Bible that meets all our needs and comes to us even after 2000 years.

The same gospel 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 _____ a truly born again person. It'll produce something else outside of the truth. Our souls are _____ by obedience to the Lord's gospel truth, not by obedience to a gospel reconfigured to suit some human tradition or our culture.

Hebrews 2:1-3 says, "Therefore we must pay much _____ attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be _____, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?" God hasn't called us to follow our feelings or to be like those who surround us; He has called us to _____ to His inspired and all-sufficient Word. "For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends" (2 Corinthians 10:18). Are you paying close attention to God's Holy Word?

The New Testament teaches all that we need to know to become a Christian and to live the Christian life. We can know the truth and be saved. To become a Christian believe with all your heart that Jesus Christ is God's Son. Repent of every sin and turn to what is right. Confess Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Be baptized 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 and adds you to His church. You become a child of God. After you become a Christian stay close to God by living faithfully and abiding in the Words of Jesus.