

Why We Earnestly Teach The Bible

I simply taught, preached, wrote God's Word:
otherwise I did nothing...The Word did it all.

- Martin Luther (on his role in the Reformation)

1. It's living

2. It's transformative

3. It's confrontational

4. It's unavoidable

5. It's life-changing

6. It's enduring

7. It's illuminating

It's living

Hebrews 4

(12) For the word of God is living and active.

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*(12) For the word of God is **living** and active.*

*(12) For the word of God is "**zoe**" and active.*

God wrote a book.

Pages and pages of God.

His thoughts, His words, His heart.

Right there; just a few inches away.

God.

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*(12) For the word of God is living and **“energes”***

Psalm 119

(97) Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.

The reason we come away so cold from reading the word is because we do not warm ourselves at the fire of meditation.

- Thomas Watson

Genesis 24

(63) He went out to the field one evening to meditate....

Joshua 1

(8) Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it.

His beauty and power

His holiness and love

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His purposes for me, how He wants me to live

What to go after, what to run from

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What to go after, what to run from

Sins to confess (for the joy of removing guilt)

His purposes for me – how am I to serve Him in the world

John 5

(39) You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, (40) yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

The more you meditate on something,
the more you love it.

What you meditate on reveals
what you love.

The more you meditate on God,
the more you will love God.

The more you love God, the less
you will love sin.

Prayer is our response to God in light of what He has revealed to us in His Word.

It's confrontational

Hebrews 4

(12) Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

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- Aaron Rogers

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saved and unsaved

holy and unholy

heaven and hell

You'd think, of all people, a professional athlete like Rodgers would appreciate the way rules and regulations give meaning, since they've been key to his success...

Without the order and structure of rules, all the running, throwing, and hitting would be meaningless chaos...the rules are also the boundaries within which the game can be safely played.

It should be clear how this process applies to our moral and spiritual life off the field. Yes, rules can be abused...But without them, spiritual or moral life descends into a narcissistic game of “Calvinball”—where we’re just making it all up as we go to suit our own interests, no matter the cost to everyone else. -Derek Rishmawy

All my life I have loved edges; and the boundary-line that brings one thing sharply against another.”

- G.K. Chesteron

Psalm 19:7-11

*The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making
wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are
right, giving joy to the heart.*

Psalm 19:7-11

The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes... They are more precious than gold... they are sweeter than honey... By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

It's unavoidable

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“logos” – a word

For the word (logos) of God is living and active

-Hebrews 4:12

to whom we must give account (logos)

- Hebrews 4:13

Revelation 19

(11) I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True...(12) His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns...

Revelation 19

13)... his name is the Word of God... (15) Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations.

John 12

(12) The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. (13) They took palm branches and went out to meet him...

John 12

(14) Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: (15) “Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.

Luke 13

(5) Unless you repent, you too will all perish

