

Complete Sufficiency in Christ

John 19:30 It is finished. Completed.

2 Peter 1:3 All those granted salvation are also granted all things pertaining to life and godliness through the true knowledge of Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:30 In Him we have wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

2 Corinthians 12:9 His grace is sufficient for every situation.

Ephesians 1:3 We are blessed with every spiritual blessing in Him.

Hebrews 10:14 By one offering, He has perfected us forever.

Colossians 2:10 We are complete in Christ.

God's Word: the Instrument by which He Brings Blessing to Men

Psalm 1: the doctrine of the two ways.

1) The way to happiness and fulfillment in life.
How? By meditation on and delight in
the Word of God.

2) The way to emptiness and frustration in
life.

How?

By walking counsel ungodly
standing way sinners
sitting seat scornful

This leads to a particular way of life.

Psalm 19: The Revealed Word Transforms the Heart of Man

- - restoring, converting, reviving, turning back - -

Hebrews 4:12-13 - The Word gets down into the thoughts and motivations of the heart.

- - Six terms for the written Word - -

Law

Statutes

Precepts

Commands

Fear

Ordinances

- - Six statements telling what the Word does - -

Being perfect, it revives the soul

Being trustworthy, it makes the simple wise

Being right, it makes the heart rejoice

Being radiant, it gives light to the eyes

Being pure, it endures forever

Being true and altogether righteous, it
warns the servant of God

Complete Sufficiency in God's Word

- ☛ Romans 1:16 . . . the power of God for salvation
- ☛ Luke 16:19-31 . . . if they did not hear...neither will they be persuaded...
- ☛ Luke 8:5-15 . . . The seed is the Word of God...
- ☛ James 1:18 . . . brought us forth by the Word...
- ☛ 1 Peter 1:23-25 — God's Word is essential to the new birth.
— God's Word is the means by which we're saved.
- ☛ 2 Peter 1:2-4 . . . divine power...
 - . . . given...
 - . . . partakers of divine nature...
 - . . . through the divine knowledge of him...

God's instrument to Quicken and Equip every Believer

2 Timothy 3:16-17

- ☛ *the very breath of God*
- ☛ *adequate to equip believers for every good work*

---- Four ways the Word works ----

- ▶ *The Word teaches truth (content).*
- ▶ *It reproveth sin and error.*

How? Hebrews 4:12-13

- ▶ *The Word corrects behavior.*
- ▶ *It trains in righteousness.*

What is our part in this?

- ▶ *James 1:21— We must receive the Word with a pure heart and a humble attitude.*

How do we do this?

- ▶ *by regular, concentrated meditation and thoughtful study of God's Word.*