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Knowing God: God and His Word

Text: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Let's be honest.

Marriage, sex, parenting, money, relationships, politics, and other "hot topics" usually draw more attention than doctrine.

Doctrine matters because...

1. We love God.
2. Belief shapes behavior.
3. It informs our worldview.
4. We need to be equipped to explain what we believe and why we believe it.

How can we study God?

God has revealed Himself to us...

1. Through His Creation
2. Through His Son
3. Through His Word

John 1:1-3 (ESV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

God's word is to your soul what food is to your stomach.

Jeremiah 15:16 (ESV)

16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

Psalms 119:103 (ESV)

103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Matthew 4:4 (ESV)

4 But he answered, "It is written, " 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

1 Peter 2:2 (ESV)

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—

Why should we consume, trust, and obey God's Word?

We consume, trust, and obey God's Word...

1. Because it is Inspired

- Your Bible assumes that it is the speech of God
- This is called *verbal plenary inspiration*
 - *Verbal plenary inspiration is the doctrine that every word ("verbal") of Scripture, in all its parts ("plenary" or full), is inspired by God and authoritative. This view holds that the Holy Spirit directed human authors to write exactly what He intended, ensuring the original manuscripts are inerrant.*
- 2 Peter 1:20-21 (ESV)
- Acts 3:18 (ESV)
- Hebrews 1:1-2 (ESV)
- How did we get our Bible? How can we be sure that we have the right books?
 - The question the early church was asking as the New Testament was being written was "is this book inspired?"
 - Their criteria:
 - Apostolic authority
 - Eyewitness account
 - Orthodox doctrine
 - Broad acceptance

2. Because it is Inerrant

- "The inerrancy of Scripture means that Scripture in the original manuscripts never affirms anything that is contrary to fact." –Wayne Grudem
- Hebrews 6:18 (ESV) - it is impossible for God to lie
- The Bible can still be inerrant and...
 - Speak in ordinary language
 - Include loose quotations
 - Use strange grammar
- Psalm 113:3 (ESV)

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3. Because it is Instructive

- If God's Word is inspired and inerrant, it is a firm foundation to build your life upon.
- Four ways the Word changes us:
 - Teaches – believe this, do this
 - Reproves – avoid this, stop this
 - Corrects – let me show you
 - Trains – keep trusting, keep doing
- James 1:22 (ESV)
- If God's Word is inspired, inerrant, and instructive, why wouldn't we be in it every day?

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