The All Sufficient Word

Intro. With the recognition that God gave all authority to His Son Jesus Christ and that the words of Christ carry the same authority as He, and also knowing that the apostles wrote that word which Christ spoke down into the books which we now have as the Bible; it now becomes necessary to realize that that word, the Bible, is all that we need; it is all sufficient.

I. WHAT WE MEAN BY ALL SUFFICIENT.
   A. We do not mean that the Bible is a book of science, medicine, or that it will tell us what the best computer is to buy, etc.
   B. We mean that it contains facts of a religious nature, guiding principles, and truths to meet every moral and religious question or need. It is all sufficient in the realm of Christian faith.

II. THE BIBLE SUPPLIES ALL OUR NEEDS
   A. John 20:30-31 “And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.”
      1. The things written in the book are written to produce in us a belief that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God.
      2. Through that belief we can have life, through the name of Christ.
         a. That is an abundant life in the here and now John 10:10 “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”
         b. And an eternal life in the hereafter John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
   B. Eph. 3:3-4 “How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)”
      1. Paul wrote so that they could understand.
         a. The scriptures are understandable.
         b. Eph. 5:17 “Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.”
         c. That means that we can understand the Bible alike.
      2. Understand Paul’s knowledge of the mystery of Christ.
         a. This is what he received by revelation.
         b. Gal. 1:11-12 “But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.”
   C. 2 Tim. 3:16-17 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”
      1. The scriptures find their origin in God.
         a. They are God-breathed.
         b. They do not find their origin in man.
         c. God gave his word to His Son, who in turn gave that word to the apostles, by the Holy Spirit; the apostles spoke and wrote that word.
2. Paul gives the purpose of the scriptures.
   a. Doctrine
      (1) Doctrine is that which is to be taught.
      (2) That to be taught is the scriptures.
         (a) 2 Tim. 4:2 “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”
         (b) 1 Pet. 4:11 “If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”
   b. Reproof
      (1) Reproof is to prove again.
      (2) We establish what is right or wrong on the basis of what the Bible says.
   c. Correction
      (1) Correcting that which is wrong.
      (2) Literally a restoring to an upright or right state; setting right, improvement of life and character.
   d. Instruction in Righteousness
      (1) Instruction means chastisement, discipline, embracing the whole training and education of an individual.
      (2) Righteousness is that which is right or just in God’s sight.

3. Paul gives the result of the scriptures.
   a. That the man of God.
      (1) This is what the scriptures can make us, by our obedience to them.
      (2) This is certainly what we should desire.
   b. Perfect
      (1) Perfect means complete, lacking nothing, spiritually matured and refined.
      (2) It is an absolute term.
   c. Thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
      (1) Thoroughly means complete of completely.
      (2) All is also a complete or an absolute term.
      (3) All good works means there are none left out.

D. 2 Pet. 1:3-4 “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”
1. It is by God’s power that we are given these things.
   a. God’s power in giving the word to His Son, and then to the apostles by the Holy Spirit.
   b. Notice what He has given to us.
2. All things that pertain to:
   a. Life
   b. Godliness

3. Through this we can:
   a. Escape the corruption that is in this world.
      (1) that corruption that come as a result of lust.
      (2) 1 John 2:15-17 “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”
   b. Be a partaker of the divine nature.
      (1) That is to be like God.
      (2) 2 Pet. 1:6 “And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;”
   c. Have an entrance into the everlasting kingdom. 2 Pet. 1:11 “For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

E. 1 John 2:1 “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:
1. John wrote so that we would not commit one isolated act of sin (“sin not” is in the aorist tense which is generally punctiliar action).
2. When we do sin we have an advocate with the Father, someone to pled our case for us.

III. WHAT THE WORD DOES TO MAN.
A. Convicts Heb. 4:12 “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”
B. Converts Psa. 19:7 “The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.”
C. Justifies
   1. Rom. 10:17 “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
   2. Rom. 3:28 “Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.”
D. Saves
   1. Jam. 1:21 “Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.”
   2. Rom. 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”
E. Sanctifies John 17:17 “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”
F. Edifies Acts 20:32 “And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”
G. Begets
   1. 1 Cor. 4:15 “For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.”
2. 1 Pet. 1:23 “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”

3. Jam. 1:18 “Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.”

H. Gives Life
1. Mat. 4:4 “But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”
2. Psa. 119:25,50,93,107,149,154,156 “My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word. This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me. I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me. I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word. Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment. Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word. Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.”

I. Guides
1. Psa. 73:24 “Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.”
2. Lk. 1:77-79 “To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins. Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

J. Frees from Sin  John 8:32 “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

K. Gives Understanding  Psa. 119:104 “Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.”

L. Enlightens
1. Psa. 119:130 “The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.”
2. Psa. 19:8 “The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.”

M. Comforts
1. Rom. 15:4 “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”
2. 1 The.4:18 “Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

N. Teaches us how to walk
1. 2 John 4 “I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.”
2. 3 John 4 “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”

O. Helps bring forth fruit
1. Luke 8:15 “But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.”
2. Col. 1:5-6 “For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:”

P. Helps us grow. 1 Pet. 2:2 “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby;”

Q. Has power to work in us  1 The. 2:13 “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.”
R. **Gives Knowledge** 1 Cor. 2:10,11,13 “But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

S. **Purifies** 1 Pet. 1:22 “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that* ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:”

T. **Cleanses**
1. John 15:3 “Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.”
2. Eph. 5:26 “That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,”
3. Psa. 119:9 “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.”

U. **Keep us from sin**  Psa. 119:11 “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”

V. **Gives Light**
1. Psa. 119:130 “The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.”
2. Psa. 119:105 “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

W. **Keeps us from erring** Mat. 22:29 “Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.”

X. **Accomplishes God’s Will** Isa. 55:10-11 “For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.”

Conclusion: The word of God is all that we need to guide us spiritually. We do not need anything else. Finally that word that is all sufficient will face us in the judgment, Rom. 2:16 “In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.”