

Sunday School, September 19, 2021

Psalm 11:3 “If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

Why do people claim to believe the Bible?

- It’s what they have always been taught (parents, SS teachers, Pastors, Youth leaders)
- I tried it and it worked for me...(Voddie Bauchum story)

Bigger Question: If people don’t have a trustworthy, reliable source of truth to confront error with how can they defend what is true?

—In society today, those issues that confront the truth that many churches are defecting from the truth on...

- Race
- Critical Race Theory
- gender issues
- men/women’s roles
- marriage/singleness

We have to have answers for these: good, solid, biblical answers that are not swayed by opinion, feeling, political aggressiveness or threat.

1 Peter 3: 15-16

“...sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.”

2 Timothy 2:15-17

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, and their talk will spread like gangrene.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

Why can we believe these things? Simply because it says so? Is this faith a Blind faith? Let’s find out.

Let’s lay the foundation for the next couple of SS weeks, and hopefully, for any future issues you may face.

2 Peter 1

- Knowledge of Salvation
1:1-4
- Knowledge of Sanctification
1:5-11
- stir up reminders

1:12-15
— Knowledge of Scriptures
1:16-19

16: not cleverly devised tales - v.21: men moved by God
16: we made known to you....eyewitnesses

Who is the we? disciples/apostles...NT writers
1 John 1:1-3
1 Cor 15:5-8
Luke 1:1-4

19: Prophetic word: 300 OT prophecies fulfilled by Christ

Ps. 22

1: Matthew 27:46

2: Matthew 27:45

7-8: Matthew 27:39-44

9-10: Luke 2:7

12-13: John 19:6

14-15: Mark 15:34-37, John 19:28

16: John 19: 34-37, 20:27

17-18: Luke 23:34-35, John 19:23-24

Is Peter saying in v.19, that experience triumphs the Word as some have claimed?

Science can confirm Scripture (it doesn't prove it.) If it disagrees, the science is mis-interpreted or missing information.

Same for experience.

Experience confirms scripture, if experience disagrees, the experience is mis-interpreted.

Confirmation of that?

v.20-21

Know this first of all, not a matter of ones own interpretation...

This will carry us forward in the lessons of the next few weeks as we go over race issues, CRT, gender issues, family issues.

To prepare for next week: Think about these questions, and write down a simple (1-2 sentences, not paragraphs) explanation for each.

What is race from the world's perspective?

What is racism from the world's perspective?

What is race from the biblical perspective?

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