



Week 2 - September 14th

The Need for Ongoing Bible Study

The Week's Memory Verse: 1 Peter 1:23

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God."

How much time in the week past did you spend at your favorite hobby? How much time last week did you spend watching television? How much time did you set aside to spend with God's Word? Feel free to hang your head, as we all fail to place enough priority on the place of God's Word in our days. The Bible is the greatest treasure we have in this life. God's Word connects us to Jesus, strengthening our faith, assuring us of forgiveness and pointing us toward eternity. Why wouldn't we want to spend time with the Lord in his Word?

The Bible pictures faith as a lamp filled with oil and glowing with flame. When the Word is unused, it is like the fuel in the lamp dwindling away. The danger is if the lamp should ever reach the point where the fuel is exhausted and the light (faith) goes out. God guard us from that!

Our focus this week is upon the place of God's Word in our lives, our need for regular refueling of our faith. The path the congregation has marked out to walk will draw you to the Word and grow your faith for life and for eternity. Blessings as you walk along, guided by God's Word, both at church and at home.

Growing in Faith

Use Meditations (available at church) which place you into daily contact with God's Word.

Memorize the Bible verse for this week.

Set aside daily time to complete the 90 Day (New Testament) Bible Reading Plan. When you are finished with the day's segment, reflect upon the meaning of what you have covered. (The plan is available on the website.)

Read Paul's encouragement for Timothy to stand strong in God's Word - 2 Timothy 3:10-17

- ✓ What dangers does Paul warn Timothy and us to expect to be confronted with in this life?
- ✓ How have these words of Paul come true in your life?
- ✓ In a world with so many misguided people and ideas how can a Christian know which way to turn?
- ✓ Why has God equipped you with a growing faith?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-14 where God speaks about "hidden wisdom."

- ✓ What is true wisdom? Where is it found? Why is it "hidden" from so many?
- ✓ How is God's wisdom, his message of love and forgiveness, revealed?
- ✓ Why is regular, ongoing contact with God's Word so important?
- ✓ What changes in your life have these words made you contemplate?