

THE CHURCH: THE PILLAR

Membership Part 2—Built on truth | 2 Timothy 3:15-4:2
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Bride—an intimate relationship with Christ (Ephesians 5:22-33)

Pillar—built on truth (1 Timothy 3:15)

Flock—led by shepherds (Acts 20:28)

Body—functioning in unity together (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

Family—sharing the same priorities (Ephesians 2:19)

1 Timothy 3:15 but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

- Understand the _____ of the Bible

Creation—Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Fall—Romans 5:12 Through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.

Redemption—1 Timothy 2:5 There is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Restoration—Revelation 21:5 And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

- _____ the Bible rightly

The goal: to find the author's originally intended meaning

Literal—intent is governed by the plain/ordinary sense of the words

Grammatical—intent is expressed through the words and grammar used

Historical—intent is shaped by original audience and setting

Contextual—intent is clarified by the immediate and broader context

Synthetic—intent harmonizes with the rest of Scripture

- Let doctrine drive _____

Essential Truths—fundamental truths which a person must affirm if they desire to consistently fellowship and minister within our church

Doctrinal Statement—outlines the position of FBC elders on specific biblical doctrines

Our Distinctives—the priorities and practices that make us unique as a church

- Read the Bible with the right _____

To Know God—John 5:39, 17:3 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me....This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

To become like Christ—John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

- Commit to _____ the Bible over time

Acts 17:11 They received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

Psalm 119:97-100 O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.⁹⁸ Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever mine.⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation.¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the aged, because I have observed Your precepts.

2 Timothy 3:15-4:2

1. We receive it for our salvation: God's Word is _____ 3:15

Who is in control of your salvation?

Psalm 103:19 The Lord has established His throne in the heavens; and His sovereignty rules over all.

Ephesians 1:11b [He] works all things according to the counsel of His will. (ESV)

Does God's sovereignty remove human responsibility?

John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

Can man choose God?

Romans 3:11b-12 There is none who seeks for God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one.

Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins.

If man cannot choose God, does God choose man?

Ephesians 1:4-5 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.

By what means did God accomplish our salvation?

Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.

2 Timothy 1:9 He saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity.

2. We embrace it as coming from God: God's Word is _____ 3:16a

2 Peter 1:20-21 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Psalm 119:160 The sum of Your word is truth.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

3. We order our lives under it: God's Word is _____ 3:16b

- **It defines what we _____**

...profitable for teaching, for reproof,

- **It demands how we _____**

....for correction, for training in righteousness.

4. We rely on it for our growth: God's Word is _____ 3:17

Deuteronomy 32:46-47a Take to your heart all the words with which I am warning you today, which you shall command your sons to observe carefully, even all the words of this law. ⁴⁷ "For it is not an idle word for you; indeed it is your life.

5. We make it known: God's Word is _____ 4:1-2

- **_____ do you preach? v1**

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

- **_____ do you preach? v2a**

be ready in season and out of season;

- **_____ do you preach? v2b**

reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

A.

Matthew 7:24-25 Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

B.

Matthew 7:26-27 Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.

