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Scripture has been given by God to lead people to faith and salvation. Through Scripture believers are nurtured in faith and led to spiritual maturity.



Luke 24:44–48 ESV

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

I. Scripture intended to lead people to salvation

2 Timothy 3:14–15 *ESV*

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

II. Scripture intended to lead believers to maturity in faith

A. By its teaching

2 Timothy 3:16 *ESV*

¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

B. By its rebuke and correction

2 Timothy 3:16 *ESV*

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C. By training in righteousness

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D. By its illumination

Psalm 119:105; Psalm 119:130

E. By its encouragement and reassurance

Romans 15:4; 1 John 5:13

F. By its record of God's promises

1 Kings 8:56; Psalm 119:140

G. By its trustworthiness

1 Kings 17:24; Psalm 19:7–11; Psalm 33:4

III. Scripture is essential for spiritual growth and maturity

Psalm 1:1–3 *ESV*

¹ Blessed is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

nor stands in the way of sinners,

nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

² but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

and on his law he meditates day and night.

³ He is like a tree

planted by streams of water

that yields its fruit in its season,

and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

God's Invitation

Hear - Romans 10:17

Believe - John 1:7

Confess - Hebrews 4:14

Repent and Be Baptized - Acts 2:38

Remain Faithful - Matthew 25:21

New to the Faith?

- First Principles

Have you fallen away from Faith

- Need to be Restored

My Decision Today

- I would like to be baptized today
- I would like to renew my life to Christ
- I would like to learn more about Jesus and the Bible

Questions: What are my next steps?

- Come forward to be baptized
- Request a Bible Study to learn more
- Attend Bible Class to grow and mature
- Find a place to serve others
- Apply today's lesson to my life