

Why We Have the Word

Purpose: To teach children that God has made it possible for them to be fully prepared, perfected, to live the more than abundant life.

We know that all scripture is from God and that the word is useful for teaching us: how to believe rightly when we have gone the wrong way, and how to return to the right way of believing.

(2 Tim 3:16 KJV) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

The next verse tells us *why* we have God's word.

(2 Tim 3:17 KJV) That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly [should be thoroughly] furnished unto all good works.



Who is the man of God? The man of God is someone who speaks for God. Moses was a man of God because he spoke for God.

(Deu 33:1 KJV) And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

Moses spoke the blessing from God to the people.

Every time we speak God's word, we are like Moses and other men of God. When we speak God's word, it is just as if God himself was speaking.

That the man of God may be perfect—but how perfect? One example of perfect is like a ship that is completely ready to sail across the ocean. That ship has everything it needs to make the trip. The maps are on the boat. The crew is ready. The food is on board. Nothing is missing.

God's word tells us that we have the word so that we will have everything we need in life no matter what happens, just like that ship that has everything it needs to make a trip across the ocean. We are God's children, and he has called us to speak forth his word. Therefore, in his word, God has given us everything we need to live the more than abundant life. By living God's word, we can be fully prepared for any situation. Believing the word and having Christ in us makes us perfect.

“Thoroughly,” is a very important word. It doesn't say *thoroughly*; it says

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thoroughly. What's the difference between these two words? You can wash your hands thoroughly, but you cannot wash them *thoroughly*. To wash your hands *thoroughly* would be to wash them inside out. That is impossible. You can wash them *thoroughly*, on the outside only. *Thoroughly* means all the way through.

God's word doesn't perfect only our outside; it perfects us all the way through, inside and outside, so that we can do all the good works of God.

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Isn't it wonderful to be fully equipped to do all good works?

We know that God's willingness always equals his ability. If he is willing to fully equip us, he must be able to help us. We need to believe God's word and act like we are who

God says we are. You are fully prepared to do the good works that God has called you to do when you know and believe God's word.

Much Love in Christ,

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