

How Do You Know Jesus?

Key Concept: The Bible

Knowing Jesus by Living in His Likeness

“And the reason for people to be able to understand the Bible is...???”

II Timothy 3:17 “...so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work”

To be transformed into the kind of person...

- from whom goodness flows like an unceasing stream to the glory of God
- that the gospel has so deeply penetrated your heart that you spontaneously see all of life with Jesus’ eyes and respond with His heart
- that in who you are, in different situations, with different people, folks experience the goodness of Christ’s character through you, to His glory



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- An Authority
- A Person
- A Power

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God, not man, bringing something in being...

...God superintended over the writing of Scripture such that the words of the human authors can be called the very Words of God

1 Thessalonians 2:13 *And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, **which is at work in you who believe.***

"At work in you who believe"....PROFITABLE



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Why is God-breathed Scripture PROFITABLE/BENEFICIAL???

The root of "authority" is **AUTHOR**

- The author has the authority because he/she designed it, or wrote it, or composed it

The reason God's Word is profitable is because it comes from the One who is life and who is the author of all life

Psalms 119:90 *"Your truth never goes out of fashion; it's as up-to-date as the earth when the sun comes up."*



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God diagnosis of your problem... a heart commitment to save yourself

Rocky I... "I'll know I'm not a bum if I go the distance"

God's wise answer ...He sends His Son to rescue ("save") human hearts

- Rest in the wonder & beauty of Jesus and what HE has done for you

Do you see yourself, all your relationships, all of reality through faith in Jesus, and the beauty of being loved far more than you could ever hope????



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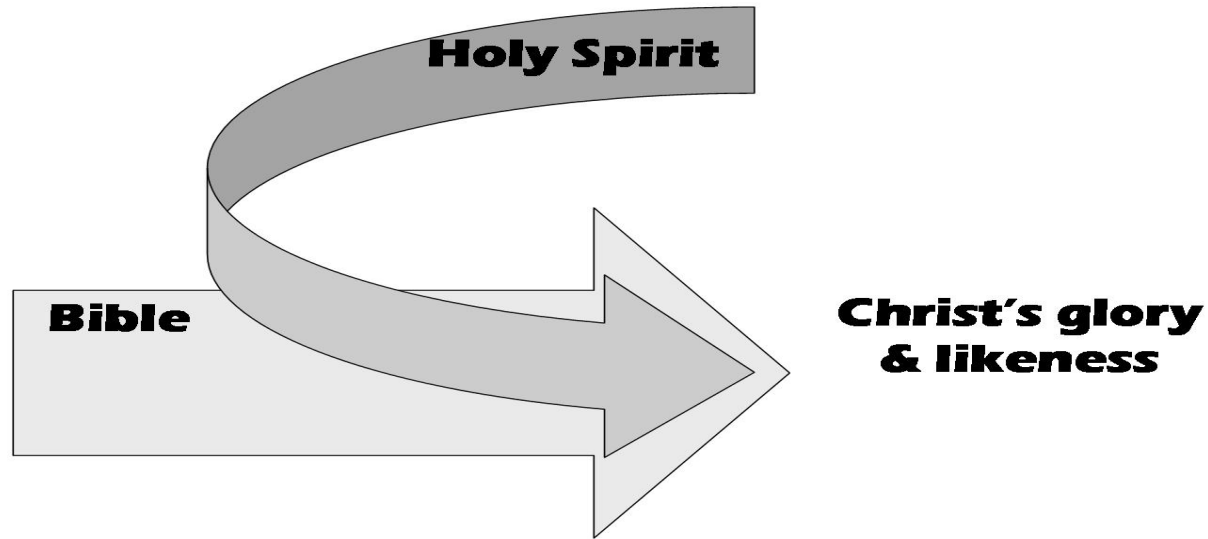
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The author wants to increasingly grip & melt your heart with the wonder and beauty of Jesus and his saving work for you

- Who cares what a pimply, 16 year old thinks about you when the Lord of the Universe says you are mine and I will stand with you and for you for all eternity.

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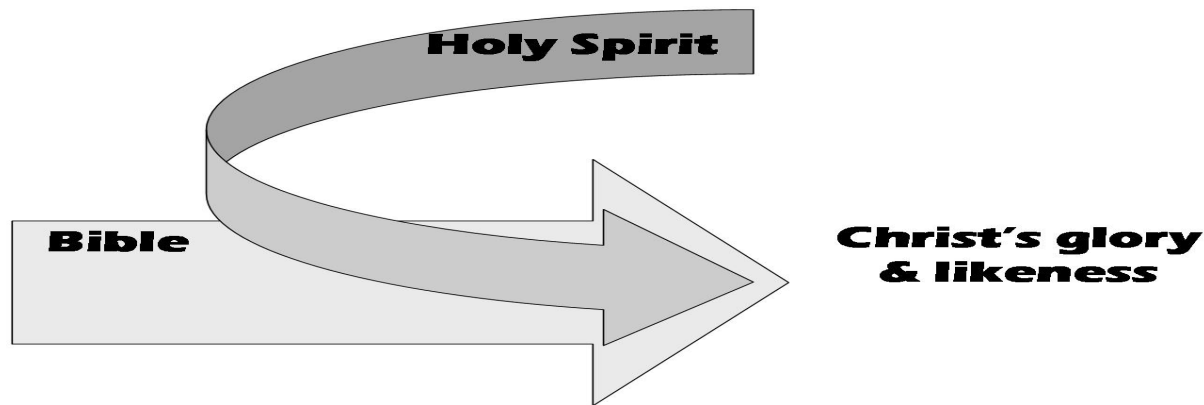
John 16:14 **He (the Holy Spirit) will bring glory to me by taking what is mine and making it known to you**

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All Scripture is profitable for TEACHING (Doctrine)

Here's an MRI of a well-ordered heart...

...a heart so deeply influenced & controlled by the Spirit-fed beauty of Christ, that it overflows with the goodness of His character



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All Scripture is profitable for REBUKING & CORRECTING

Rebuking...Scripture is *CONFRONTATIONAL*

Confronting our disordered loves

Correcting...Scripture *STANDS YOU UP AGAIN*

The power of God's Word is not to leave you beaten up, but to stand you up with renewed confidence by showing you Jesus



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All Scripture is profitable for TRAINING in righteousness

God is your personal trainer as you continue in His Word

A reconstructed heart is a life-long process and God will stay patient and committed as a loving parent because you are one with Christ

How's your spiritual life going???



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Being thoroughly equipped to overflow with the goodness of Christ's character involves...

- Dwelling in God's Word you experience
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- Life connection with others being transformed by God's Word

II Timothy 3:14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned & become convinced of , *because you know those from whom you learned it.*

- His family (*II Timothy 1:5*)
- His more mature friend (*II Timothy 3:10-11*)



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And the reason for people to be able to understand the Bible is...???

By God's word dwelling richly in you, you grow in a life that brings Christ's influence in hearts, in a culture, in other cultures as you overflow with the goodness of Christ's character



