

9: An Important Order:

^{NAS} **Ezra 7:10** For Ezra had set his heart to

- ⇒ study the law of the LORD, and to
- ⇒ practice it, and to
- ⇒ teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.



10: The importance of Biblical Accuracy:

- ⇒ ^{NAS} **2 Timothy 2:15** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, **handling accurately the word of truth.**

11: Our Interaction with Others:

- ⇒ For Everyone: ^{NET} **Matthew 18:15** “If your **brother** sins against you, go and point out his sin to him **when you are alone with him.** If he listens to you, you have won your brother. ¹⁶ But if he will not listen, **take one or two others with you** so that you have two or three witnesses to verify every word. ¹⁷ If he will not listen to them, **tell it to the church.** But if he will not listen even to the church, treat him like a heathen and a tax collector.”
- ⇒ For Pastors: ^{NAS} **Ezekiel 3:17** “Son of man, I have appointed you a **watchman** to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, **warn them from Me.**



- ¹⁸ When I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die’; and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.

- ¹⁹ Yet if you have warned the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered yourself.”

12: The importance of Thorough Teaching:

- ⇒ ^{ESV} **Acts 20:26** ...I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.
- ⇒ ^{NAS} **2 Timothy 2:2** And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.



You → Me → Faithful Men → Others!

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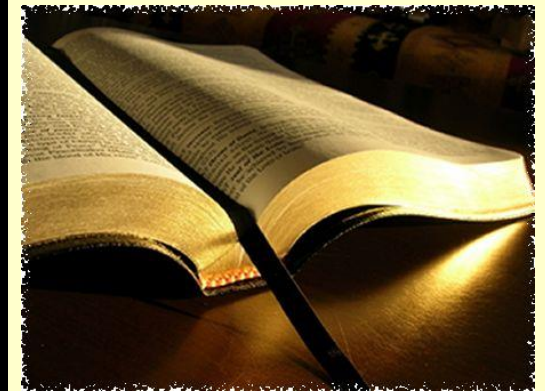
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Important Passages

To Know and Live



**For Pastors, Teachers,
and All Believers**

Introduction

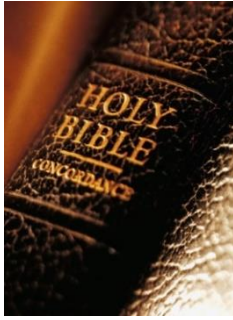
Dear friends in Christ: There are many things that influence our daily lives, but – *as people who are sorry for their sins and believe in Jesus as their Savior* – God wants the *greatest influence* to come by *His Spirit through His Word!* Therefore, as you read this brochure, may God enable you to *understand and live* these important passages! May they also help you to better understand the Bible-based ministry of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. *Pastor Green*

1: The Bible Is God's Word:

⇒ ^{NAS} **2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is inspired by God...

⇒ ^{NIV} **2 Peter 1:21** For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but **men**

spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.



2: The Bible Is Without Error and Eternal:

⇒ ^{NIV} **Proverbs 30:5** Every word of God is flawless...

⇒ ^{NAS} **Isaiah 40:8** The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.

3: The Bible Has Many Benefits:

⇒ ^{NAS} **2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is ... profitable for **teaching**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **training in righteousness**; ¹⁷ that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

⇒ ^{NAS} **Psalms 1:1** How blessed is the man... [whose] ² ...delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. ³ And he will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither; and **in whatever he does, he prospers.**

4: The Sad Reality of Our Sins:

⇒ ^{NAS} **Isaiah 59:2** ...your iniquities have made a

separation between you and your God...

⇒ ^{NAS} **Romans 6:23** ...the wages of sin is death...



5: Jesus' Work to Save Us:

⇒ ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 5:21** He [God the Father] made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

⇒ ^{NAS} **1 Peter 3:18** ...Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God...



6: The Right Attitude of Our Hearts:

^{NAS} **Isaiah 66:2** "For My hand made all these things, thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD. "But to this one I will look, to him who is...

- ⇒ **humble** and
- ⇒ **contrite of spirit**, and who
- ⇒ **trembles at My word.**"

7: Our Accountability to God:

For Everyone:

⇒ ^{NIV} **Acts 24:15** "...there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. ¹⁶ So I strive always to keep my conscience clear **before God and man.**"

⇒ ^{NAS} **Romans 14:12** So then **each one of us shall give account** of himself to God.

For Pastors and Bible Teachers:

⇒ ^{NIV} **1 Thessalonians 2:4** ...we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. **We are not trying to please men but God**, who tests our hearts.

⇒ ^{ESV} **James 3:1** Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that **we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.**

⇒ ^{NAS} **Hebrews 13:17** Obey **your leaders**, and submit to them; for **they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account.** Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

8: Some Ways We Live as Believers:

⇒ ^{NAS} **Micah 6:8** He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?

⇒ ^{NAS} **1 Timothy 6:11** But flee from these things, you man of God; and **pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness.**