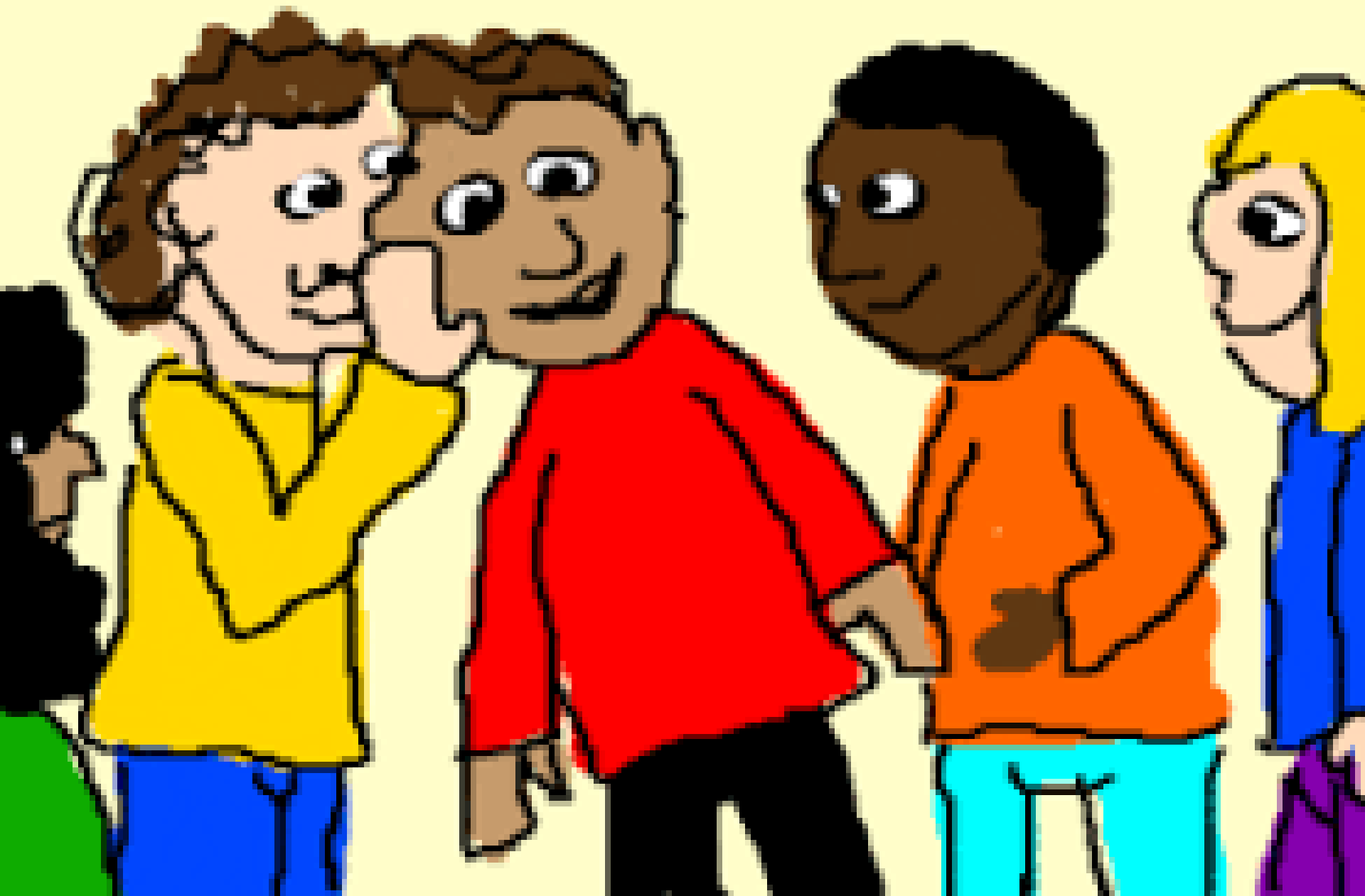


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# John 20

30 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But **these are written that you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

# John 21

25 **Jesus did many other things as well.** If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

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18 when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!" 20 Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?")



21 When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?" 22 Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me." 23 Because of this, the rumour spread among the brothers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?"

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# 2 Peter 1

20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 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.**

# **1. Delighting in God's Word**



Laws  
Statutes  
Precepts  
Decrees  
Commands

# Psalms 119

1 Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD. 2 Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart. 3 They do nothing wrong; they walk in his ways.

9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. 10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. 11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

14 I rejoice in following your statutes as  
one rejoices in great riches. 15 I meditate  
on your precepts and consider your ways.  
16 I delight in your decrees; I will not  
neglect your word.

18 Open my eyes that I may see  
wonderful things in your law. 19 I am a  
stranger on earth; do not hide your  
commands from me. 20 My soul is  
consumed with longing for your laws at all  
times.

23 your servant will meditate on your  
decrees. 24 Your statutes are my delight;  
they are my counsellors.

72 The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold. 73 Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands. 74 May those who fear you rejoice when they see me, for I have put my hope in your word.

96 To all perfection I see a limit; but your  
commands are boundless. 97 Oh, how I  
love your law! I meditate on it all day long.



98 Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me. 99 I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. 100 I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

127 Because I love your commands more than gold, more than pure gold, 128 and because I consider all your precepts right, I hate every wrong path. 129 Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them. 130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. 131 I open my mouth and pant, longing for your commands.

# Mt 5

17" Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.

18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, **not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen**, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

19 Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

v127

Gods word is far more valuable than gold!

v72

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## **2. Wisdom for Life**

Successful  
and  
Prosperous



# Joshua 1

7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be **successful wherever you go**. 8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be **prosperous and successful**.

# **3. Guidance for Godly Living**

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A Great Principle of the Reformation:

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**Sole, Infallible Rule of Faith** and  
Practice.

The **Sufficiency of Scripture**

# Methodists

Scripture

- Tradition
- Reason
- Experience

# Catholics

Scripture and Church

# Danger of Tradition: Mark 7

6 He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "'These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 7 They worship me in vain; their **teachings are but rules taught by men.**' 8 You have **let go of the commands of God** and are holding on to the traditions of men." 9 And he said to them: "**You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!**"

10 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.' 11 But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban' (that is, a gift devoted to God), 12 then you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. 13 Thus **you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down.** And you do many things like that."



# **4. The Power of God's Word**

# Jerm 23

25 "I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, 'I had a dream! I had a dream!' 26 How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? 27 They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their fathers forgot my name through Baal worship.

28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD. 29 "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

# Hebrews 4v12

For the word of God is **living and active**. Sharper than any double-edged sword, **it penetrates** even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; **it judges** the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

# Acts 2

34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand 35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." ' 36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." 37 When the people heard this, they were **cut to the heart** and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

# Acts 8

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road--the desert road--that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot **reading the book of Isaiah the prophet.**

29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. 31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

32 The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." 4 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?"



35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

## Luke 24: On the Emmaus Road

25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And **beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself...**

31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "**Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?**" 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

## Luke 24 – Jesus with his Disciples ...

44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." 45 Then **he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.** 46 He told them, "This is what is written: **The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead** on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.

# Isaiah 55

10 **As the rain** and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it **bud and flourish**, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 **so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.**

# Nehemiah 8

3 He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And **all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.**

...8 They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read.

# 1 Tim 4

12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. 13 Until I come, devote yourself to **the public reading of Scripture**, to preaching and to teaching.



# **5. Handling God's Word**

## 2 Peter 3v16

His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and **unstable people distort**, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

## 2 Cor 2

17 Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.

# The Bereans - Acts 17

10 the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. 11 Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for **they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.**

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