

IMPACT

I **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; in *all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Passage: II Peter 1:2-5 “...But also for this very reason, *giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge...*”

Quote: Growing knowledge of God’s Word takes serious intention. II Timothy 2:15. “[You] be diligent to present *yourself* approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

What a treasure we have in the written Word of God! It is an inspired and infallible library that contains all that God wants us to know for now about this life and the life to come. The day is coming when faith will be sight and hope will be reality as we see far more than we could presently comprehend personified in the risen King of kings and Lord of lords. Until then, *let us add to our faith knowledge!*

Service that pleases God is the glad demonstration of gratitude for His grace, and is only possible by bringing thoughts, words and actions into line with the command to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbor as our self.

Perseverance and assurance of salvation are results of the sanctifying work and witness of the Spirit as our Enabler, Comforter, Teacher and Guide.¹

Practical Righteousness: The moral law of God written in His Word and implanted in the conscience of individuals is the basis for morality in society and the *rule of faith and practice for Christians* who pursue practical righteousness for God’s glory.²

Liberty: The liberty that Christians have in Christ is to be guided by the selfless agape love imparted by God at salvation and refined by God in sanctification for the edification of saints and the evangelization of sinners.³

Worship: True worship must focus on reverently and joyfully giving praise to the King of kings and Lord of lords for His grace and goodness.⁴

Marriage: The marriage of Christians is a picture of Christ and the church; it is a covenant before God whereby a man and woman leave their parents and cleave to each other in a life-long, intimate, exclusive

relationship of growing and giving.⁵

Children: Children are a gift from God to be raised in the fear and admonition of the Lord by their parents with the help of the local church.⁶

Local Church: The local church is the vital and primary means through which God perfects and prepares His people by exposing them to the careful exposition of His Word; it is a source of encouragement, admonition and fellowship, as well as a vehicle for service.⁷

Believers’ Baptism is a single public profession of faith as an act of obedient, personal identification with the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.⁸

The Lord’s Table is an on-going celebration of Christ’s death on behalf of His own; it involves personal reflection, confession of sin, praise for Christ’s atoning work on the cross and commitment to Him.⁹

Stewardship is a trust from God whereby all that He bestows is to be managed to further His kingdom.¹⁰

Christ’s Return is the object of the believer’s hope and should foster stability in trial, motivation in service and consecration in sharing the gospel with those who do not believe in Who Christ is and what He accomplished.¹¹

Glorification: A resurrected body that will culminate in glorification will be the eternal condition of those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.¹²

Judgment: Judgment by Christ for eternal rewards and rejoicing awaits those who have received Him as Savior and for eternal separation and suffering for those who have rejected Him.¹³

May each of us be careful students of, and consistent ambassadors for, the treasure that is God’s Word!

1 John 14:26 **2** Romans 2:14, 15; I Peter 1:15, 16; II Peter 1 **3** Romans 14-15:3 **4** Eccles.5:2 **5** Matt.19:1-9 **6** Psalm 127:3; Proverbs 22:6; Eph.6:4 **7** Eph.4:11-12; Hebrews 10:24, 25 **8** Matt.28:19, 20; Acts 2:38, 39 **9** I Cor.11:24-26; Luke 22:19, 20 **10** Deuteronomy 8:18; I Chronicles 29:12; Luke 16:11; I Timothy 6:10 **11** John 14:3; Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:13-18 **12** Revelation 21:27; Philippians 3:20, 21; 4: I Cor.15 **13** Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Psalm 96; Romans 14:10; II Cor.5:10