

What are the benefits from knowing the Word of God?

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our blessed King and Savior Jesus Christ, is 2 Peter 1:3. The first half of the verse reads "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness..." I love this verse so much! Through this verse we can actually see how God Himself directly effects us through His Divine Power. This is a wonderful thought, but what is even more exciting is how He does it! We know that the power comes from God, but how does it give us everything we need for life and godliness? The second half of the verse answers that question for us, "...through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." It's knowing Him! It's through knowing Jesus that we have everything we need for life and godliness! I also love that fact that the scripture says knowing accompanied with godliness is the expression of the Word of God! Through Him we are able to have our sins forgiven and we are able to know what pleases Him. So in conclusion I say this. The benefit to knowing the Word of God is just that, knowing Jesus.

Rancho Seco Retreat

Weekend of September 24th-27th

Fri @ 5:00 pm	Life it's about God	Joshua Empringham
Fri @ 6:00 pm	We bring God glory by falling in love with Jesus	Michael Van Airsdale
Sat @ 9:00 am	We bring God glory by worshipping Him	Patrick Perez
Sat @ 10:00 am	We bring God glory by loving other believers-	Ryan Riemer
Sun @ 9:30 am	We bring God glory by telling others about Him	Zulla Haile
Sun @ 10:30 am	We bring God glory by serving others with our gift	Drew Dent
Sun @ 6:00 pm	We bring God glory by becoming like Christ	TBD

Camping available at Rancho Seco Park Thursday and Friday nights.
Sunday Lessons will be at the Mack Road Church building.

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WELCOME

to the
Church of Christ
meeting at Mack Road

This morning's sermon:
**What's the difference between faith
and works?**
Ephesians 2:1-10



Congregational Meeting Times:

Sunday
Morning Bible Study 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Evening Service 6:00 pm

Wednesday
Morning Bible Study 10:00 am
Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

Visitors

The members here would like to offer a special welcome to our visitors today. Please allow us to shake your hand and talk with you, as we take great joy in getting to know you. Visitor cards are available at the pews for you to provide us with a record of your attendance. We appreciate you taking the time to fill these out.

Important dates to remember:

August:

Sun. 30th - 5th Sunday of the months friends service & Elders Report
Sun. 30th - last Sunday of the month song service, evening services

Fellowship Opportunities:

Sun 30th - Group 2 meets after evening services

September:

Sun 10th - Progressive singing beginning @ 2:00 pm
9/24-9/26 - Rancho Seco (see back page for schedule)



Ladies House to House Fellowship

Lesson Book: "Developing Inner Strength, Living in the Joy of God's Love"

Next class: September 13th or 20th (date TBD) at **Tina Pitt's** home. Please prepare Lesson 6.

October - Mavrey Uptegrove

Classes

Young Adults Class: Fridays at Caleb's (Steve Sarff's) home. See Caleb for details.

Singing Practice: Monday's at 1:00 pm at the building

What are the benefits of knowing the Word of God?

By: Joshua Empringham

"What are the benefits of knowing the Word of God?" This is a great title! When I first read this title I thought to myself, "If I could narrow all the benefits of knowing the Word of God down to two main benefits, could I capsule the whole idea here?" The answer is yes, if we work with this idea enough we may be able to narrow it down to one, and hopefully we can do so by the end of this article. So without beating 'around the bush', let me give you the two main benefits I've concluded. The first benefit I want to talk about is the second most valuable thing in the world, and that is living righteously and knowing the difference between good and evil. "All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." (2 Tim 3:16). I am sure we are all familiar with this verse. It is a good verse to use, which clearly illustrates this first benefit we have under consideration, which again is that through our knowledge of the Word of God, we are able to live righteously. The second benefit I would like to talk about is knowing Jesus. Knowing Jesus by the way is the most important benefit one could ever have and it is certainly the greatest benefit in knowing the Word of God. There are, by the way, countless benefits, which we will discuss further in a moment.

In second Timothy 3:16 we found at least four main benefits to knowing the Word of God. We see that the scriptures are mainly used for "teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness". After reading this verse we're able to see that there are at least four benefits to knowing the Word of God, but if we take a closer look there actually may be eight. The reason I say this is because in order to minister in ways 1 through 4, one must know the Word of God. Reasons 5 through 8 of course are what the passage clearly points out, which are four ways one can be ministered to through the Word of God. The passage I wanted to use especially, which ties this main benefit of godliness together with knowing

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