

STANDING ON JESUS CHRIST

A Study Guide
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Let's begin with a prayer: Holy Father, Thank you for being God, thank you for this day. Thank you for this reading of your Word. Open our minds and let your light shine, giving us the wisdom and understanding needed for this hour. Lord enable us to apply your Word in our lives. This is your servant's prayer. Amen.

Our Scriptures: 2 Timothy 2: 23-26; Titus 3: 1-11

A Teaching Moment: There are four things I want you to consider in your study of these scriptures.

1. Paraphrase (put in your own words) each of these verses.
2. Listen, be alert to what God says to you in your reading- read with a listening ear.
3. After reading these scriptures, what do you say to God?
4. What steps can you take to apply these scriptures in your day to day walk with Christ?

******Please don't read my commentary (which can be found after the following scriptures) until you read the scriptures and address the four points above******

2 Timothy 2: 23-36

²³ But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

²⁴ And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

²⁵ In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

²⁶ And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Titus 3: 1-11

¹ Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

² To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

³ For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

⁴ But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

⁵ Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

⁶ Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior;

⁷ That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

⁸ This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

⁹ But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

¹⁰ A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;

¹¹ Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

Scripture Commentary:

We are encouraged not to get in arguments over the word of God. We are to be gentle and patient. We are to remember, we can't save anyone. That's God's job, we can only present Christ to others. They must accept or reject him, that's their choice. The word of God has power unto itself. It does not need you or me to defend it.

There are those who question the scriptures, not because they want to really know, but they want to get you in some argument. The Bible tells us that if you are not of God, you will not understand the things of God. So, what are you doing? No matter what you say they will continue to believe what they believe. It's God himself that opens our eyes such that we can understand his Word. God is the one that will draw them to the truth of his word. He is the light, He will make it plain.

So, this Teaching Moment comes that we might agree on Jesus. We agree with John 3:16. We agree that Jesus is the Son of God. That he bled and died for your sins and mine. That on the 3rd day he rose from the dead with the power of life and death in his hand. We agree on Jesus. He's the rock of my salvation. As the song goes:

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

We are together, standing on Jesus Christ. He is alpha and omega, the beginning and the end. He is the author and finisher of our faith.