

Christian Principles Unit 3 Exam Review Guide

Week #1: The Word as a means of growth; Revelation

In what three ways is the Word essential to the Christian life?

You should be able to name and describe the three aspects of using the Word as an essential for spiritual health.

You should understand the four-fold profile of the spiritually mature person depicted in 1 Cor 2:13-3:3 and Heb. 5:11-14.

You should understand the importance of the Word for effective ministry (Heb. 4:12- "...the Word is living and active..." therefore we need to know the word and be able to apply it to common situations.)

Be able to define revelation and speculation.

1 Pet. 2:2* -- We will always be dependent on God's Word for spiritual growth.

1 Cor. 2:13-3:2** & Heb. 5:11-14** -- Our perspective, world view, and ability to discern what is good is dependent on God's Word.

Heb. 4:12* -- The Bible is applicable in a living way to our daily lives.

Week #2: Inspiration

You should be able to define Verbal Plenary Inspiration and understand the two important qualifications.

You should be able to present a solid case for the doctrine using by providing evidence for Jesus Christ being the Messiah, his claims about the OT and his own words, and his pre-authentication of the Apostles' writings. Develop this case using memory verses from Week # 3.

You should understand the three tests that establish the historical reliability of ancient documents and generally how the Bible compares using these three tests.

2 Tim. 3:16,17* -- Scripture has been written by God through the process of inspiration and is given that by it we may grow.

2 Pet. 1:20,21* -- God insured the writing of scripture through the Holy Spirit's inspiration of the authors.

Week #3: Canonicity

Be able to define canonicity is and explain why it is important.

Know the criterion for canonicity for the Old Testament (prophetic authorship) and the New Testament (apostolic authorship).

Be able to explain why the Apocrypha (internal admission of non-prophetic authorship; Josephus) and the New Testament pseudepigraphical literature (evidence against apostolic authorship; contradictory to apostolic doctrine) do not belong in the Bible.

Matt. 5:17,18* -- Jesus Christ affirmed the Old Testament as scripture.

Matt. 24:35* -- Jesus affirmed his own words as authoritative.

Matt. 10:40* -- Jesus pre-authenticated the apostles to write scripture.

Weeks #4-7: Hermeneutics and Inductive Study of Epistles

Be able to define hermeneutics and inductive study.

Be able to define exegesis and eisegesis

Be familiar with the definition of perspicuity and how to defend it.

Be able to define grammatico-historical hermeneutics.

Be familiar with the five practical rules for critical interpretation.

Be able explain each step of the Inductive Study Method for Epistles.

2 Tim. 2:7* - promises God's illumination of scripture, and also says we must exercise our minds to understand it

2 Tim. 2:15* - We must invest effort to interpret accurately, and we should be ashamed if we can't do this.

Week #8: Prayer as a means of growth

Be able to identify each of the main forms of prayer, and one reason why each is important.

Be able to identify each of the reasons why prayer requests go unanswered, and provide an example of each.

Be familiar with the practical guidelines for prayer and how prayer affects the other means of growth.

1 Jn. 5:14-15* - We can be certain God will answer our requests when they are according to his will.

Col. 4:2-4* - We should be consistent, alert, and thankful in prayer. We should pray for opportunities to share the gospel with non-Christians.

Matt. 18:19* - Corporate prayer may be more effective than individual prayer.

Week #9: Body-life as a means of growth: Corporate Identity & Normative Involvement

How involved should Christians be in fellowship? Use biblical references to support your answer.

Explain the theological basis for body life.

Be able to define *koinonia*.

Know how giving and receiving in the body of Christ serve as means of growth.

Know the common barriers to healthy body life.

Rom. 12** & 1 Cor. 12** -- Our new identity in Christ includes our membership in the body of Christ. We each are uniquely designed and have unique roles while simultaneously are dependent on and tied into the other members of the body.

Phil. 2:3-5* -- We should care about and serve the needs of others, sometimes at the expense of our own desires.

Acts 20:35* -- Perhaps the greatest paradox in the Christian life is that God blesses us as we focus on and serve the needs of others.

Week #10: Body-life as a means of growth: Encouraging & Admonishing One Another

Be able to define encouragement and admonition.

Be familiar with the four different ways Christians can encourage one another.

Know the keys to effective encouragement.

List the keys to giving and receiving admonition.

Rom. 15:14* -- All Christians are called on to admonish one another.

1 Thes. 5:14* -- Admonishing and encouraging are key aspects to loving one another.

Heb. 10:24,25* -- It is important to carefully think about the people we serve and plan how we might best help them to grow.