

Series: Why We Do What We Do

**We Are To Be People of the Book
2 Peter 1:19-21**

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1. Today's sermon is the first of seven on the general theme "Why We Do What We Do."
 2. One of the questions that I hear people ask a lot is, "How is the Church of Christ different?"
 3. Most people know they need guidance for their lives.
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- I. Consider These Two Affirmations About God's Word.
 - A. The Bible is the inspired word of God. 2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,"
 - B. "Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 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." 2 Peter 1:20-21
 1. 1 Thessalonians 2:13

 - II. Everything You Need For Righteousness is in God's Word. 2 Timothy 3:17, "so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."
 - A. Paul says that scriptures are able to teach you what you need to do to find salvation.
 1. 2 Timothy 3:14-15
 - B. The Bible is sufficient to make us wise unto salvation.

 - III. Scripture Was "Once for all Entrusted." Jude 3, "I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints."
 - A. Peter wrote how God has given us all we need for life and godliness.
 1. 2 Peter 1:3
 - B. We are a "Back to the Bible" movement.
 1. Thomas Campbell published in the "Declaration and Address," "Our desire therefore, for ourselves and our brethren would be, that rejecting human opinions and inventions of men as of any authority, or as having any place in the Church of God, we might forever cease from further contentions about such things; returning to and holding fast by the original standard; taking the Divine word alone for our rule . . ."