

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Last week we began considering the Importance of Knowing the Word of God, considering Paul's statement to the Ephesian elders recorded in Acts 20, "I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God."
- \* First we considered some current statistics by Gallup.com, Barna.org, and the Kelton Research Group regarding self-claimed American Christian views on the Bible.
- \* Next, we began to exposit Paul's statement by considering the "Identity" of the "Whole Counsel of God" and the "Inspiration" of it
- \* Today, we would like to consider the Importance and Inculcation of the Whole Counsel of God

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE Identify OF THE "WHOLE COUNSEL" OF GOD**

- A. Specifically: The Gospel** (cf. v. 21, 24; Acts 17:2-3)                      **B. Generally: The Scriptures** (cf. v. 31; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:4; Lk 24:27-32)

**II. THE Inspiration OF THE "WHOLE COUNSEL" OF GOD** (cf. 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20; 3:14-16)**III. THE Inculcation OF THE "WHOLE COUNSEL" OF GOD** (cf. Matt 22:23-33)

- A. Unto Satiation** (cf. II Timothy 3:14-15; I Cor 15:3-4; Isaiah 53 )

- B. Unto Satiation** (cf. II Timothy 3:16-4:4)

1. Desire ALLY – WE SHOULD DESIRE TO know THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD
  - a. Loving the Truth (cf. Eph 4:20-21; Matt 22:23-33)
  - b. Teaching the Truth (Acts 8:35; Deut 6:7)
  - c. Distributing the Truth (I Peter 3:15; Acts 18:24-28)
2. Pursue ALLY – WE SHOULD DESIRE TO know THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD (Deut 6:8-9; Rom 15:4; II Tim 3:16-17; Jam 1:22)

**III. THE Inculcation OF THE "WHOLE COUNSEL" OF GOD**

- A. Reading The Word** (cf. Romans 15:4; James 1:25)

- B. Sermoning The Word** (cf. Acts 17:10-12; II Timothy 2:15; I Peter 3:15)

- C. Memorizeing The Word** (cf. Deut 6:5-6; Psalm 1:1-2; Psalm 119:11; 19:97-99)

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* WHICH EXCLAMATION MORE CLOSELY RESEMBLES YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IN HIS WORD?  
 "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God." - Jesus  
 or ... "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness,  
 and searched the Scriptures daily to *find out* whether these things were so." - Paul
- \* HOW DILIGENTLY ARE YOU SEEKING TO INCULCATE GOD'S WORD ... TO YOURSELF?
- \* MEN, HOW FAITHFULLY ARE YOU INCULCATING THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD TO YOUR FAMILY?
- \* WILL YOU COMMIT YOURSELF TO HAVING A DAILY TIME IN THE BIBLE?