GRACE BIBLE CHURCH — LORTON —

Persevere in the Faith by Clinging to Scripture

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Disciples of Jesus persevere in the faith by clinging to Scripture

THE CALL TO PERSEVERE IN THE FAITH (14-15)

FOUR REASONS TO CLING TO SCRIPTURE

1. Scripture is Life-Giving (15b)

"You search the Scriptures (the Old Testament) because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life."

– John 5:39-40

2. Scripture is Authoritative (16)

All Scripture is God-breathed (*theopneustos*). Theopneustos = theos, "God" / pneō, "breathe out" The Bible is given by the work of God's Spirit (2 Peter 1:20-21).

3.	Scripture is Sufficient (16)
	a. Sufficient for Doctrine (godly thinking) "for teaching and for reproof"
	 b. Sufficient for Behavior (godly living) "for correction and for training in righteousness"
4.	Scripture is Effectual (17)
Qu	nestions to Consider
	How do you typically try to hold up underneath the weight of persecution, suffering, or trials and not have your faith crushed?
2.	Where else does Scripture affirm that the Old Testament (OT) can make us "wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus"? How do we see this worked out in the OT?
3.	The Bible is <i>totally</i> authoritative. What does it look like when you live in that truth? What does it look like when you do <i>not</i> live in that truth?
4.	The Bible is <i>totally</i> sufficient for everything having to do with godly thinking (doctrine) and godly living (behavior). What does it look like when you live in that truth? What does

6. How can you grow in your love for the Bible and it being totally authoritative and

5. Based on verse 15, what is the purpose of Scripture for the disciple of Jesus? Why is that

it look like when you do *not* live in that truth?

a big deal?

sufficient?