# Maturing in Christ: God's Word is Unbreakable John 10:22-42 Page # 1072

### Chapter 7 - Taking God at His Word by Kevin DeYoung

Westminster Confession of Faith says of Scripture:

"The authority of the holy scripture, for which it ought to be believed and obeyed, dependeth not upon the testimony of any man or church, but wholly upon God (who is truth itself), the Author thereof; and therefore it is to be received, because it is the Word of God."

- I. The recognition of a body of sacred writings
  - 1. Old Testament

Exodus 24:7 – "Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, 'All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!"

Nehemiah 8:1-8 Page # 501

2. Jesus Christ

Luke 24:27 – "Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures."

Matthew 21:13 – And He said to them, "It is written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER'; but you are making it a ROBBERS' DEN."

3. The Apostles

2 Timothy 3:14-15 Page # 1192

4. By the early church

Acts 17:11 Page # 1110

- II. The Inspiration of Scripture
- III. The Authority of Scripture recognized in the Old Testament

Psalm 119:89 – "Forever, O Lord, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens."

- IV. The Authority of Scripture recognized in the New Testament
- V. Jesus Christ claims scriptural authority for His own words

John 14:10 Page # 1078

## THE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S WORD:

- 1. The scriptures shape our salvation.
- 2. The scriptures shape our lives.
- 3. The scriptures shape our worship.
- 4. The scriptures shape our future.

#### **Faith Sheet**

#### **Main Themes**

- ~ The Word of God was recognized all through the Old Testament and New Testament as sacred and authoritative.
- ~ The Word of God exercises its authority in our lives from creating new hearts that desire to worship Him as Creator and Savior to lives that yearn to be more Christ like every day.

# #1- Reviewing This Past Sunday Maturing in Christ: God's Word is Unbreakable John 10:22-42

- 1. Read John 10:22-42.
- 2. What do verses 26 and 27 tells us about why people today don't realize that Jesus is God?
- 3. Why do you believe Christ's "stamp of approval" of the scriptures is so crucial to us today?
- 4. What would the following statements do to the credibility of the scriptures in our own lives?
  - ~ Jesus didn't know about the errors in the Old Testament.
  - ~ Jesus knew about the errors but covered them up.
- 5. What gives you the sense of security with your relationship with God? How does The Bible strengthen your faith?

# # 2- Preparing for Next Sunday Maturing in Christ: Stick with the Scriptures 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Chapter 8 of Taking God at His Word by Kevin DeYoung

- 1. What did Paul want Timothy to remember in vs. 10-11? What do you think Paul is communicating? (See 1 Cor. 11:1, Luke 6:40)
- 2. What happens to all who desire to live godly lives? (vs. 12) Why must we remind ourselves and each other of this truth?
- 3. What will happen over the years till Christ returns? (vs. 13)
- 4. What are we called to do as times grow worse? (vs. 14-15)
- 5. What all does Scripture do for all believers? (vs. 16-17)
- 6. Pray as God leads you from the text of Scripture.