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BAPTIST CHURCH

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MEMORIZATION IN  
2022



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The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure,  
making wise the simple;  
the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart:  
the commandment of the Lord is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;  
the fear of the Lord is clean,  
enduring forever;  
the rules of the Lord are true,  
and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey  
and drippings of the honeycomb.  
Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

*Psalm 19:7-11*



The Bible is essential to growth in the Christian life. God has written a book and given it to the world. What a glorious thought! That we can have the very Word of God in our hands should be both thrilling and humbling. The psalmist declares the Word as "more to be desired than gold, even much fine gold" and "sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb" (Ps. 19:10). More valuable than money and sweeter than honey is the Bible to the believer.

It is also sharper than any two-edged sword and pierces to the division of soul and spirit, of joint and of marrow, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart (Heb. 4:12). It cuts us and brings healing. It is the sword of the Spirit that is given for defense against the devil (Eph. 6:17), with our Lord Jesus Christ using it in His battle against the temptation of Satan.

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A Christian cannot be without the Bible if he or she is to continue to grow. However, we will not always have it with us. Even with the rise of technology, there will be moments of need in which the Bible is out of the hand's grasp. When temptations arise, we must be ready. We must prioritize Bible memorization. Scripture memorized can be recalled, meditated upon, delighted in, and used in conversations when your Bible is still on your bedside table. Bible memorization, though, can be intimidating.

This summer, North Roanoke Baptist Church is committing to memorizing one verse or passage a week, for eight weeks. By the end of the summer, we will have eight new arrows in our quiver, ready to combat temptation; eight new pieces of gold in our treasury; eight new promises of glory from our great God.

Join us as we endeavor to display our love and devotion to God by loving His Word.

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# WEEK 1

**I have stored up your word in  
my heart, that I might not sin  
against you.**

Psalm 119:11

How can we protect ourselves from temptations becoming sin? By storing up the Word of God in our heart. When temptations arise, we must be ready to fight with Scripture. If we are not prepared, it will be too late when sin knocks at the door. We must fight sin with the Word.

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# WEEK 2

**Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

Isaiah 41:10

Why should we not fear when difficulties arrive? It is because God is with us. In Christ, through the Holy Spirit, God is with us, strengthens us, helps us, and upholds us. It is not our own effort, but His power that will see us through.

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# WEEK 3

**For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

Psalm 84:11

Sin in general, and lust in particular, holds out the promise of pleasure. How we combat this is by believing that God will not withhold anything good from us. No pleasure is withheld from believers. Do you really believe that the holiness the Lord has called you to is more desirable than the pleasure of sin promised? God does not withhold any good from those who walk uprightly.

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# WEEK 4

**He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?**

Romans 8:32

This verse displays the beautiful logic of salvation. If God did not spare His Son, why then would He withhold any other good?

God has already given us what is most valuable in all of the universe, so we can trust that He will not be stingy in any other areas.

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# WEEK 5

**Therefore do not be anxious, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?"**

**For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.**

Matthew 6:31-33

We live in an anxious age, and Christians are certainly not immune to the worries of the world. How are we to combat anxiety? We fight this sin by believing that our heavenly Father knows what we need and will provide. He will not abandon His children. Our duty is to seek His kingdom and let God take care of everything else.

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# WEEK 6

**But godliness with contentment  
is great gain, for we brought  
nothing into the world, and we  
cannot take anything out of  
the world**

1 Timothy 6:6-7

Contentment is difficult to find in the modern world. We live in a culture of upgrades, with every purchase seemingly becoming obsolete in a short period of time. As followers of Christ, we must fight for holiness and contentment. It is great gain, the only gain that truly matters, for we bring nothing into this world and cannot take anything out. Therefore, we must fight for contentment.

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# WEEK 7

**Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.**

Philippians 4:8

Sins of the thoughts are difficult to fight, for they are by nature private. No one can see your thoughts, until they become words and actions. We must use Scripture as our grid for deciding on what we are going to spend our time thinking. Are my thoughts pure? Lovely? Commendable? If not, then we must confess them to God and fight for right thinking. Sinful thinking will lead to sinful actions. Holy thinking will lead to holy living.

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# WEEK 8

**I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.**

John 15:5

We must stay in Christ. This is what it means to be a Christian. He is the Vine; we are the branches. Apart from Him we can do nothing of eternal significance. Memorizing this text will remind us where we must remain and from whom our power comes. In Christ we must abide.

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