

Fundamentals of Faith - Change and Freedom

26 I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. John 2:26

Jesus has got to be the only lens by which we study the word of God.

27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. Luke 24:27

32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. "We" have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

24 This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. John 21:24

25 Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written. John 21:25

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 1John 1:1

Christians will flock to any form of Christianity or teaching that tells them that they don't have to change.

3 We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. 4 Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. 5 But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: 6 Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. 1 John 2:3

Repentance starts in our hearts and not in our behaviors.

27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him. 1 John 2:27

As God, the Holy Spirit has access to both our hearts and minds and the heart and mind of God the Father.

Intellectual information and behavior modification are not character transformation.

The Holy Spirit reveals the dark places in our hearts when we give Him the space to have these conversations with us.