

The Bible as a Change Agent

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If you change it is because God changes you. However, to say that God is all you need is not completely accurate because, in the divine wisdom of God, He has chosen certain means of grace that are necessary for a person to change.

One of those instrumentations of God's grace to us is His incorruptible and empowering Word. Therefore, it would be accurate and appropriate to say, as Peter says here, the Word of God changes us.

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ” Romans 10:17

Our walk with God is a faith walk and the way we learn how to walk by faith is through the hearing of the Word of God. Our faith is informed by God's Word as we walk by faith, we experience more change.

The Word Concerning the Soul

The word psychology is a compound word: *psyche and logos*. The word *psyche* means **soul** and the word *logos* means word or study of. It could be said that the word psychology is the study of the soul or the word concerning the soul.

In Genesis 2:7 we learn that God breathed into man and man was animated: he became a living soul. Therefore, God is the Creator of the soul. The soul came about by the predetermined wisdom and action of God. He thought of the soul. He created the soul. He is the architect of the soul.

In 2 Timothy 3:16 we see that God breathed again. This time, He breathed into certain selected men, who He chose to write the Bible. These men were inspired by God to write the words of God. In time the words of God were put together in one edition.

1. The greatest psychologist who ever lived was Jesus Christ. No one knew (or knows) more about the soul than the Creator of the soul.
2. The greatest psychology book ever written was the Bible. The Christian perspective and understanding of how change takes place is unique
3. Therefore, a true psychologist is a person who seeks to bring God's Word to bear on the soul

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