

## All Scripture Is Profitable

Some theologians teach that only the letter to the Laodiceans holds a message for us today. The apostle Paul taught, **All Scripture is given by inspiration of God (Every Scripture is God-breathed AMP), and is profitable...** (2 Tim. 3:16). Every Scripture from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 is profitable.

Paul lists the areas in which all Scripture is profitable: **...for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness** (v. 16). We all especially need **instruction in righteousness**, which is right standing with God. We need to study more than our favorite passages—we need the *entire* Word.

Some theologians and ministers explain away the Word of God. They declare that certain things are not for today, having ceased at the end of a certain period or when a certain man died. Translations produced by modern theologians reduce God's Word to being just another book with no chance of changing a person's life. **For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation** (Rom. 1:16).

All seven letters to the churches are vitally important to us, because they are the inspired Word of God. Each contains a message for us—either instruction or warnings for us to heed, lest we fall into the same snares as six of the churches.

(The Book of Revelation Revealed: Understanding God's Master Plan for the End of the Age by Hilton Sutton, Tulsa, Oklahoma: Harrison House, 2001 [1984], 69)