

WHEN I READ THE BIBLE

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There are some wonderful things that happen when I read the Bible. I share these now so that you will be motivated to read the Bible and enjoy the same benefits.

GOD SPEAKS TO ME. That's right, God speaks to me. In fact, this is the only way that God speaks to man today. "God, who at various times and in different ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son..." (Hebrews 1:1-2). Jesus, the Son of God, is revealed through His word today, the New Testament. God does not reveal His word to man in any other manner than through the Bible. The Scriptures equip us unto *every* good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The Old Testament still speaks of God's work in the history of man to bring the Messiah to save sinful mankind. When was the last time you listened to God speak to you through His word?

I UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH. The apostle Paul said that when I read the inspired word, I can understand the knowledge of the "mystery of Christ" (Ephesians 3:3-5). The word of God is the truth (John 17:17). I am not to be "unwise but understand what the will of the Lord is" (Ephesians 5:17). Jesus said that by His words I will know the truth and be set free from sin (John 8:31-32). This happens when I read the Bible and obey His will.

I GROW SPIRITUALLY. When I read the Bible, my faith increases because "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). This enables me to grow in spiritual strength to overcome temptation. I will grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18) and be faithful day by day. Are you reading the Bible daily and enjoying all these spiritual benefits?