

## Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Agnes

Trevor; Irene.

Margaret and John.

Roy and Beryl.

Joel's work in India

Joyce and her son  
Keith.

Yemi and family

Val, Daryl and family

Blossom and her Family

Rosaely

Those who are travel-  
ling.

Those have Fallen  
Away

To all our members who  
are not here for one  
reason or another.

That God may open  
people's hearts to the  
gospel and that God will  
add to our number.

### Study

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## The Scriptures Are All We Need.

Many in the religious world today claim for themselves additional infallible sources of information other than what is found in the Bible. Some of these religious groups claim that these additional sources are necessary because the Bible isn't a sufficient source of information for man's salvation. However, if it can be shown that inspired writers do, in fact, teach the sufficiency of the scriptures in supplying the necessary information for man's salvation, this means that other sources are not needed.

There are two ways that one could show that the scriptures supply all of the necessary information that man needs for salvation. One could either show where the scriptures directly say that they supply all of the information man needs, or one could show that in the entirety of the teaching of the scriptures, there is a complete picture given that would be sufficient for salvation. Because the later of these two would require a volume of information to prove, we'll focus upon the first method in this article.

The word "sufficient" means "adequate for the purpose; enough" according to the

Random House dictionary. The American Heritage dictionary defines "sufficient" as "being as much as is needed." Princeton University's WordNet defines "sufficient" in this way: "of a quantity that can fulfill a need or requirement but without being abundant." So, in order for scripture to be sufficient for man's salvation it must be "adequate" to provide for man's salvation; it must be "enough" information, "as much as is needed," or in a required quantity to fulfill the need. **Does the Bible make such a claim for itself?**

There are several scriptures that answer this question.

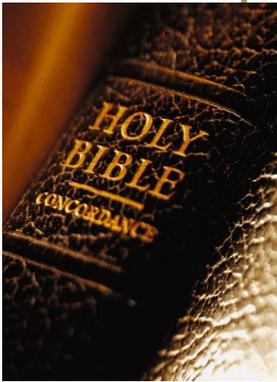
Consider that the apostles themselves considered the written scriptures to be sufficient for providing for man's salvation. Romans 15:4 says, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Paul says that the written scriptures are given that we might have hope for salvation. If they were not sufficient to provide for salvation, how could they provide hope? If the scriptures were less than sufficient to provide for salvation, they could not

give hope. What kind of hope does the Christian have? Hebrews 6:19 says, "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil." Such a hope is sufficient for salvation, hence, the scriptures that provide that hope, are sufficient for man's salvation.

Consider 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 which says, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." Paul tells the church at Corinth that the gospel he preached to them was sufficient to save them. What was the basis of that gospel? It was the death of Jesus for our sins, His burial, and resurrection. Paul makes it clear in this passage that these truths were "according to the scriptures." It is sufficient for Paul that the scriptures declare, in prophecy, the gospel message sufficient for salvation. Were the scriptures sufficient to provide this information? They were. See also Romans 16:25-26.

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# Bible Studies for the Week of Oct 7th, 2007



AM Sermon.....	No Details Given (Trevor)
Scripture Reading for Sermon .....	No Details Given
Adult Bible Study .....	The Inspired Bible (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for service.....	Psalms 41; Luke 22:39-53
Sunday School Class.....	No Details Given
Thursday Bible Class.....	Galatians (Trevor)
Ladies Bible Class .....	No Details Given
Men's Bible Class .....	

## The Scriptures are all we need, cont.

***“There is not one good work in which man must be involved for salvation that the scriptures don't supply.”***



In Acts 17:10, Paul and Silas made their way to Berea. There they preached the gospel. Acts 17:11-12 says, “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honorable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.” The Bereans, prior to Paul and Silas' arrival were not believers. Paul and Silas then preached the gospel to them. **What was said?** Whatever it was, it caused the Bereans to search the scriptures to see if what Paul said was true. When they looked to the scriptures, they believed and as a result became Christians. Did the scriptures supply that which

was needed for salvation? They did.

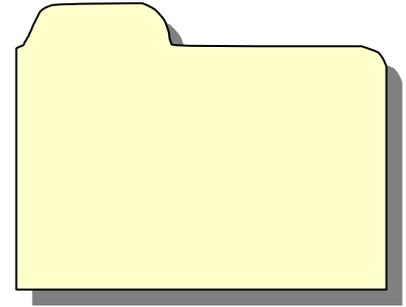
Finally, however, we must look at 2 Timothy 3:14-17. Paul wrote to Timothy: “But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” Paul says several things here. First, he says that the scriptures were able to make Timothy wise unto salvation. Thus, they would be

sufficient for man's salvation. Paul, however, doesn't stop his discussion here. He then says that the scriptures are given by inspiration; that is, they were given by the very breath of God. He then says that these scriptures are profitable for the purpose of making the people of God complete and that they furnish completely all the information one needs for all good works. In other words, there is not one good work in which man must be involved for salvation that the scriptures don't supply. They supply it all. Hence, the scriptures are sufficient for man's salvation.

In the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 6:29-31), Abraham tells the Rich Man regarding the salvation of his brothers, “They have Moses and the prophets; let

# For The Files: Week Beginning September 30th 2007

Sunday Bible Class.....	15
Sunday AM Worship.....	35
Sunday School.....	7
Sunday Prayer Time .....	15
Sunday Night Study - Once in the Month.....	17
Thursday Evening Study .....	12
Contribution.....	£121.05.
Budget.....	£100.00.



## Ricci's Corner. (The Scriptures are all we need, cont.)

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prophets; let them hear them.” The Rich Man, in essence, objects and says that if only they had an additional source of information, they would believe. Abraham replied, “If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.” The implication is clear; the written word of God is sufficient to provide for man's salvation. Any information that one requires beyond that simply indicates unbelief.

(In Sunday study we are looking at the God inspired Bible.)

### Every Word We Sing

We teach and admonish each other,  
And to God we give the praise,  
When we sing as we're commanded,  
As we our voices raise.

We sing how “Jesus paid it all,”  
Our all to Him we owe.  
Do we truly think about the price,  
He paid so long ago?

We sing “All to Jesus I surrender,”  
And know He is the way.  
Do we forget our promise,  
As we walk from day to day?

“What a friend we have in Jesus,”

we sing and know it's true.  
Do we trust in Him completely,  
And desire His will to do?

“To God be the glory” we often sing,  
But do we long to understand,  
The greatness of His Being?  
Do we seek His promised land?

Dear Father may we be faithful,  
As we our praises bring.  
May we always given attention,  
To every word we sing!

### Personal Thoughts and Actions for the Week

“Pray without ceasing”(1Th 5:17).  
From waking up in the morning to going to sleep at night, how often do I talk to my heavenly Father through my Lord Jesus Christ with the help and support of His Spirit in me? Do I talk to Him about all aspects of my life (all I see, think, say, do and happens to me) or only the things I want? *It is never too late to start...*

### Rosaely.

Just to inform you all that Rosaely has now started university, and that her university in Mexico have said they will fully support her for the next 4 years. This is great news as

Rosaely was unsure if they would do this for her. Please keep her in your prayers as she starts her studies.

### Chairs!

Brethren we have managed to get hold of **50 plastic stack chairs**. These will now replace the benches downstairs. The cost of each chair has been approx **£3**. If you would like to help in the purchase of these chairs, kind of **“But your own seat”**, then the price will be **£3**.

### Want to study Titus?

Brethren I am about to prepare **FIVE** lessons from the book of **“TITUS”**. These studies are going to be done for you all at Summer Lane. At the end of each lesson there will be questions. **Are you interested in doing this study?**

These studies will be for you to do at home in your own time. When completed give them back to me to mark and you can have the next one in this short series.

Let me know if you would like to do them. If there are enough of you I will prepare, print and hand them out. They will only be prepared if there enough of you who would like to do them.

### Welcome

Brethren please welcome **“Itro”**. Itro is a brother who has been worshipping in the Lords church in London. He has come to worship with us here at Summer Lane. Brethren welcome him and give thanks to Lord for our continued increase. **Ricci**



“Come on  
buy a chair  
for only £3”

“WAS  
JUDAS THERE  
AT THE LORDS  
SUPPER?  
NOT THE LAST  
SUPPER”.  
Still awaiting  
you answers.

**IMPORTANT INFO**

We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!

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Can I remind you that classes start on time. Remember it's the Lords day.

Congregational Meeting, Today.

Ladies Class 08.10.07; 12.30-2.00pm.

Gospel Meeting Here; 08.12.07

XMAS MEAL DEPOSIT DUE TODAY; £5.

Birthday: Non Noted.

Ask A Bible Question, Log onto:

**ScripturesSay.com**

**God's Salvation Plan**

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

# Welcome!

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## Times for Worship and Study.

Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
 Sunday Morning Bible Study.....10:00 AM  
 Sunday School.....10:00 AM  
 Ladies Bible Class ..... Every Second Monday 12:30 PM  
 Thursday Evening Bible Class.....7:30 PM  
 Men's Bible Study Class.....First Tuesday in the Month 7:30 PM

## Serving Each Other

*October 7th 2007*

*October 14th 2007*

**Sunday Morning**

**President** Ricci Trevor

**Preaching:** Trevor Ricci

**Opening Prayer:**

**Scripture Reading:** Eric Norman

Philip Gareth

**Lord's Table** Norman Roy

Ricci Eric

**Closing Prayer**

**Duties**

**Flowers** Sue Trinidad

**Tea** Trinidad Rita

**Building clean for Oct:07**

**ALL PLEASE**

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