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Sufficiency In The Scripture

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THESIS: Essentially, the Scripture, which is the Word of God, which has come through the ages to us, is the Spiritual Foundation for understanding who you are and who **GOD IS IN HIS SOVEREIGNTY:** with and through the Scripture you gain knowledge and insight into the True meaning of life, death and Eternal Life offered by **GOD** through faith in Christ Jesus.

INTRODUCTION

It is clear and apparent “Christians” are slipping, stumbling and falling from God’s Righteousness due to ignorance of God’s Word. The apostle Paul said of Israel, “Brethren, my hearts desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a “zeal” of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.” (Rom. 10:-3). “Zeal” suggest a fervent, intense, eager and enthusiastic burning of the believer for God. However, “zeal” without knowledge is like the sun with no heat, ice with no coldness, or salt that has lost it’s savor (Mt. 5:13). In the General Epistle of Jude, “Christians” are reminded of their sanctification by God and preservation in Christ Jesus. They are advised to have knowledge of Truth and contend for the faith while avoiding the error of the enemy, who is ungodly, deceitful, without natural affection, unstable, complainers, mockers and walking after their own lusts. The Holy Spirit Guides Jude to conclude and emphasize that God The Father, through God The Son and the Indwelling of the “Christian” by God The Holy Spirit, the “Christian” is kept from falling and will be presented faultless before the presence of **HIS GLORY** with exceeding joy.

Until the Lord, Christ Jesus returns be busy gaining the knowledge of God’s Righteousness. Know this, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking their own lusts and they are willingly ignorant of the Word of God. Christians should not be ignorant of this one thing: the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night. Beware believers! Do not be lead away by and with the error of the wicked and fall from your own steadfastness (2 Peter 3).

ASSIGNMENT: READ THE SCRIPTURES AND DEFINE THE FOLLOWING TERMS

- A. Atonement (Lev. 23:28; 25:29; Rom. 5:11)**
- B. Adoption (Rom. 8:13; Gal.4:5; Eph. 1:5)**
- C. Assurance (Isa. 32:17; Col. 2:2; Heb. 6:11; 10:22)**

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