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- **Some Self-Diagnostics (2 Cor. 13:5):**
 - Does the subject of Bible study make you uncomfortable?
 - Are there frequently Bible references that go over your head in Bible class?
 - If you scan the table of contents in your Bible, are there books that are still unknown to you?
 - Does Bible study feel more like a chore than anything else?

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- I Rejoice In Your Word:
 - There should be a joy that comes from reading, studying, and thinking on God's Word.
 - **Psalm 119:14, 16, 24, 35, 47, 77, 143**
 - But how is it a delight?
 - Joy is not the main goal of Bible study.
 - Joy is a by-product of Bible study.

“What is enjoyment? Essentially, it is a by-product: a contented, fulfilled state which comes from concentrating on something other than enjoying yourself. ... In this case, Bible study will only give enjoyment if conforming to our creator in belief and behavior, through trust and obedience, is the goal. Bible study for our own pleasure rather than for God ends up giving pleasure neither to Him nor to us”



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- **What Bible Study is Linked to:**
 - **A few examples:**
 - **Discipleship (Matt. 28:18-20).**
 - **Salvation (Rom. 1:16).**
 - **Approval by God (2 Tim. 2:15).**
 - **Being equipped (2 Tim. 3:17).**
 - **Faith (Rom. 10:17).**
 - **Joy is the by-product of all of these things (and more) that are connect to Bible study.**

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- **Some Jump-starts for Bible Study:**
 - 1. Stop doing things that don't work.**
 - 2. Make an investment.**
 - 3. Welcome accountability.**
 - 4. Take full advantage of the tools that are already here (e.g., Bible classes).**

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- **Some Jump-starts for Bible Study:**
 - 5. Find the balance with technology.**
 - 6. Study with purpose.**
 - 7. Environment matters.**
 - 8. Study to change your heart first
(1 Cor. 8:1; Jn. 14:15; 7:17; 18:37; Lk. 8:15).**

What Is Your Need?

Salvation

Believe

(**John 8:24**)

Repent

(**Luke 13:3**)

Confess

(**Matthew 10:32-33**)

Be Baptized

(**Mark 16:16**)

Restoration

Repent

(**Acts 8:22**)

Confess

(**1 John 1:9**)

Pray

(**Acts 8:22**)

Needs

Prayer?

(**James 5:16**)

Membership?

(**Acts 9:26**)