

# Treatment

2 timothy 3:10-17

# Therapy culture

“I didn’t go to religion to make me happy I always knew a bottle of Port would do that. If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don’t recommend Christianity.”

C S Lewis

# 'Therapy culture'

“Christianity is an invitation to die, to pick up a cross. Christians are those who give themselves away in love and sacrifice to advance a kingdom that is not of this world.”

Brett McCracken

# How do we live and minister in such a culture?

- Others have gone before v.10-11

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Matt.5:11-12

# How do we live and minister in such a culture?

- Others have gone before v.10-11
  - There is a price to pay v.12-13
- “To be a Christian is to accept the discomfort of a way of life inspired and empowered by a cruel, rugged old cross, a symbol of scorn and degradation.”

Brett McCracken

# Treatment; the Bible v.14-16

- Continue in it

“...knowing from whom you learned it...”

- God breathed

“...sacred writings...”

Far more than a remarkable piece of historic literature.

# It is able to:-

- Make us wise for salvation
- Teach us
- Reprove and correct us
- Train us in righteousness
- Thoroughly equip us

# Conclusion

“In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart, I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33

‘Short term pain leads to long term gain’