



Why We Need The Bible!

The Bible is God's Power to Save...

...By Creating Faith



- Impossible to please God without faith
 - Hebrews 11:6, **“without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”**
 - Romans 10:17, **“Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”**
 - John 8:24, **“ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”**

The Bible is God's Power to Save...

...By causing one to be born again



- Jesus taught the necessity of being born again
 - John 3:3-5, ***“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”***

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- The rebirth involving both water and Spirit
 - 1 Peter 3:23-25, **“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the GOSPEL is preached unto you.”**

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- **GOSPEL** calls for one to be baptized
 - Mark 16:16, ***“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”***
 - Acts 2:38, ***“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”***
 - Acts 22:16, ***“arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord”***

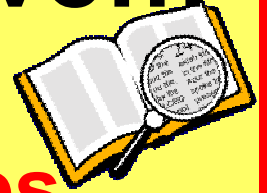
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...By keeping one saved



- Paul emphasized the value of God's Word
 - 1 Corinthians 10:11-12, **“these things...are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”**
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17, **“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: (WHY?) That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”**

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- **When received and applied to our lives**
 - **Hosea 4:6**, **“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”**
- **When received with meekness of heart**
 - **James 1:21**, **“receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your soul.”**

The Bible is God's Power To Comfort

...Through the HOPE it gives



- HOPE provided by prophecy in the OT
 - Romans 15:4, ***“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”***
- HOPE, revealed by God's grace in the NT
 - 1 Peter 1:13, ***“gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and HOPE to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ”***
 - Ephesians 2:12, **Without Christ...NO HOPE**

The Bible is God's Power To Comfort ...Through the PEACE it gives



Philippians 4:6-9, ***“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true...honest...just...pure...lovely... things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.”***

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...Through the PEACE it gives (cont.)



- With such inner PEACE we will not stumble
 - Psalm 119:165, ***“Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.”***
 - Psalm 119:93, ***“I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou has quickened me.”***
- How can inner peace be described?
 - ***“If all my perplexities and distresses, the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength.”***

---Robert E. Lee

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...Through the HAPPINESS it gives



- It provides HAPPINESS/BLESSEDNESS
 - Psalm 1:1-3, ***"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."***
 - 2 Timothy 2:15, ***"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."***

Comfort From God's Word



- ***“Within the covers of this one single book, the Bible, are all the answers to all the problems we face today. If only we would read it and believe it.”*** **...Ronald Reagan**
- ***“I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Saviour of the world is communicated to us through this book.”*** **---Abraham Lincoln**
- ***“The Bible is worth more than all the books which have ever been printed.”*** **--- Patrick Henry**

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Psalms 119:105



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