

Quite Time the Bible the Word of God

The Bible is the Word of God. We need to hear, study and apply the Word of God so that it can build us up as believers and followers of Christ. In *Acts 20:32* the Bible also is called the Word of God, “**32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.**” (*Acts 20:32 KJV*) The same we can conclude also from *John 1*, “**1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**” (*John 1:1, 14 KJV*)

The written Word is the Bible. The living Word is Jesus. “**13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.**” (*Revelation 19:13 KJV*) Both Jesus as the Living Word and the Bible as the written Word are divine, both are authoritative from God, and both are perfect. Both are the revelation of God. The written Word perfectly reveals Christ. Jesus, The Living Word fulfils what the Bible says. Through both Jesus and the Bible, the Holy Spirit reveals God. In the Bible the Holy Spirit reveals God through the written Word, while through Jesus the Holy Spirit reveals God in a real, flesh and bone person, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The authority of the Word of God: In *John 10:34-36* Jesus used two names for the Bible, the Word of God and the Scripture, “**34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? 35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; 36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?**” (*John 10:34-36 KJV*) Many times throughout the Bible, the book calls itself the “*word of God*”. The words did not come from man but from God. Men have been the channels, but God was always the source. The word “*scriptures*” refers to that which is written and shows that the Bible is completely true and authoritative. It is also highly selective. God has not told us everything, but He has told us all that we need to know.

Matthew 5:17-18 shows us that Jesus accepted the authority of God’s Word, “**17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.**” (*Matthew 5:17-18 KJV*) and *Matthew 4:1-10* shows us that not only Jesus but also even Satan did. During Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness Satan quoted scripture to try to tempt Jesus to submit to his own plans, “**1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the**

Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.” (*Matthew 4:1-10 KJV*)

The Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit. About the origin of the Scripture, *2 Timothy 3:16-17* tells us that the Scripture is inspiration given by God: “**16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.**” (*2 Timothy 3:16-17 KJV*) *2 Peter 1:20-21* says that holy men of God were moved by the Holy Spirit to write the Bible. “**20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**” (*2 Peter 1:20-21 KJV*) The Holy Spirit is the communicating power of God. *Psalms 12:6* says. “**6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.**” They are as genuine as silver, refined seven times in the furnace. **Man is like clay, but the Holy Spirit is like fire to purify us.** God’s Word is like silver that has been tested seven times till it is absolutely perfect and pure.

The Holy Spirit is at work through the Word of God in the Bible. *Hebrews 4:12* says the Word of God is sharper than two-edged sword, “**12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**” (*Hebrews 4:12 KJV*) In *John 6:63* Jesus says the Words He spoke are Spirit and life. “**63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**” (*John 6:63 KJV*) In *1 Thessalonians 2:13* Paul spoke about the Word of God which is effectually working in those who believe, “**13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.**” (*1 Thessalonians 2:13 KJV*) The Bible is spiritual food for us and is useful for doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness, “**16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**” (*2 Timothy 3:16 KJV*)

What is the relationship of faith and the Word of God? *Romans 10:17* says true faith comes from hearing God’s Word and is related to God’s Word, “**17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**” (*Romans 10:17 KJV*) We don’t believe anything and everything we hear. **We believe what God has said in His Word. That is why we need to read and listen to the Bible because the Word of God is so important to our faith.**

What is the relationship between the Bible and our relationship with Jesus Christ? *John 14:21* says, “**21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.**” So we can conclude that whoever accepts Jesus’ commandments and obey them is the one who loves Jesus. Also *1 John 2:5-6* says, “**5 But whoso keepeth his word, in**

him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. 6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.” So we can conclude that anyone who keeps Jesus’ Word, then God’s love is made complete in Him. And this is how we know that we are in Him: whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did. As we live in obedience to His Word, then we show that we love Jesus.

The Word of God shall not pass away, *Matthew 24:35* says, “*35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*” *Psalms 119:89* says, “*89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.*” *These verses teach us that the Word of God will last forever, which means we can depend on God’s Word.*

My dear and beloved: You need to read the whole Bible and you need to read, to know and to memorize the books of the Bible. There are 66 books in all: 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. The books of the Old Testament are divided as the following:

1. The books of Law which include Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.
2. The books of History which include Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther.
3. The books of Poetry which include Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs.
4. The books of Major Prophets which include Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel and Daniel.
5. The books of Minor Prophets which include Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.

The books of the New Testament are divided as the following:

1. The Gospels books which include Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Acts.
2. The Epistles of Paul which include Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus and Philemon
3. The General Epistles which include Hebrews, James, 1 and 2 Peter; 1, 2 and 3 John, Jude
4. Prophetic Books includes the book of Revelation

God had placed His Word in the Bible and we need to honor His Word by reading the Bible daily to be reminded of His Word so that we can obey and apply them in our lives.

You need to have your own Bible. You need to read daily God’s Word and in a systematic way, from the beginning, from the book of Genesis, three to four chapters per day, in sequence, without jumping, until you reach the book of Revelation, and when you finish the whole Bible start again from the beginning and so on.

Let us pray ...

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that taught me about the importance of your Word in my life, the written Word in the Bible and the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. Lord thank you for all what you had bestowed on me from your blessing, and thank you for all the teaching, the corrections, the rebukes and the admonishments we received in this message.

Come now to God and repent and renounce all your sins. Repent of your lack of reading God’s Word. Repent of your lack of faith in the Word of God and your disobedience to what God had said in His Word. Repent of doing your own will and plan. Repent of your non willingness to follow God’s Word in your life. Repent of your non willingness to serve God and to suffer for Christ. Lord I repent forgive me the following sins

Lord I commit myself to read and honor your Word in the Bible and apply them in my life. Lord I commit myself to look unto Jesus and to live my life following His example. Lord I commit myself to read the Bible from the beginning to the end. Lord I commit myself to serve you, doing your will and willing to suffer for you. Lord guide me, protect me and deliver me from the evil one. Lord provide my needs to continue to serve you.

Lord bless our Brothers and Sisters who committed their lives to live for you according to your Word and according to your will in their lives. Lord fill them with the Holy Spirit and give them the Spiritual gifts they need to go on and serve you. Lord protect them from the evil one, provide their needs and set them as good examples to others to follow you.

Lord bless us as your church and help us to continue to persevere to preach your Word and to declare your will to the people. Lord we commit ourselves to teach and practice the doctrine in the Bible. Lord we commit ourselves to continue to evangelize and spread your Word. Lord enable us to go and make new disciples and to train new workers to serve you to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to be water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord take the message and spread it to reach the people who need your Word. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.’ Lord bless us, enlarge our territory let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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