

### Introduction

**Why is getting the written Word of God out to those who don't have it so important? Why do we give to help see that the Word of God gets out?**

**This won't be all exhaustive this morning, but I want to preach for a bit this morning on THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE! Most of us know these things, but we need reminding of them from time to time!**

#### **I. THE BIBLE IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF ITS AUTHOR!—THE ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD!**

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God..."*

Since the beginning of time there have been all sorts of books written by all sorts of men and women on a vast number of topics, but NONE of them are as important as the WORD OF GOD!

Not one of them can even begin to touch the nature and importance of this Book of Books that came our way because God Himself chose to reveal Himself to us! (Aren't you glad God chose to give the Bible to us? (We know that God has revealed Himself in Creation, Conscience, Christ and the Canon of Scripture)

While many of the books that are written by mankind may be helpful to others in this life, none are as helpful as the Word of God! That's not opinion, that is a fact! It can help make a person fit for eternity!

#### **II. THE BIBLE IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF ITS SUBJECT! — JESUS CHRIST, THE ONE AND ONLY SAVIOR AND LORD!**

*John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*

From the very first Book in the front—The Book Of Genesis—to the very last Book in the back—The Book Of The Revelation—The whole of the Book is the story of Jesus!

Many books that are written by men are fiction (not true) but just stories. That is not the case with the Bible! The Bible reveals to us the true story of Jesus!

Many Books are considered non-Fiction and they may contain truth on a variety of subjects, but only the Word of God contains VITAL TRUTH to help man with his greatest need!

#### **A. The Bible Begins By Revealing How Everything Began! (Genesis 1:1; Cf. John 1:1-3)**

#### **B. The Bible Then Reveals The Fall Of Man, The Curse Of Sin, And The Need For A Savior! (Genesis 2-3)**

So many people in the world **do not understand** how things in this world got the way they are!

All around them they see suffering, death, and destruction. They see that **life is tough and then you die!** And what do they do? Well, sadly, many erroneously blame a God they do not know for the tough times and the death!

But God reveals in His Word how mankind disobeyed God and through that disobedience the curse of sin, including death, came!

*Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

#### **C. The Bible Then Reveals The Promised Seed!**

*Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and **between thy seed and her seed**; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."*

#### **D. The Bible Reveals God's Plan Of Redemption Thru Christ!**

The Old Testament shows many things of the coming Messiah in many different ways—through **promises** and **prophecies** and **pictures** and **types** and **foreshadows!**

The New Testament shows the coming of Messiah to this earth! **In the Gospels** we have **His Genealogy, His Virgin Birth, His Life** including **His Teaching, His Preaching, His Prophecy about Himself and things to come!**

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But ultimately and most importantly it tells of **His Death, His Burial, and His Resurrection for our sins!**

**The Book of Acts** shows the ascension of Messiah back to His Heavenly Father, the promised coming of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, and the empowered Church of Jesus Christ spreading the Gospel—the message of Redemption!

**E. The Bible Reveals Christ’s Will For And His Help For His Churches In The Epistles!**

**F. The Bible Reveals The Future End Time Events In The Gospels, In The Epistles, And In The Book Of The Revelation!**

1. The Time Of Tribulation that is coming!
2. Christ’s Coming With His Saints In All His Glory!

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### III. THE BIBLE IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF ITS POWER!

*Hebrews 4:12 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.*

**The Power Of God’s Word Is The Very Power Of God!**

*Psalm 62:11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.*

**Think about the Power of His spoken Word...**

In Creation... “*Let there be*”, “*Peace be still*”

In Miracles... “*Take up thy bed and walk...*”

**There is Power in His Written Word as Well!**

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**A. The Power To Convict Men Of Sin!**

*Acts 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?*

**B. The Power To Bring Forth Saving Faith!**

*Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

*1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

**C. The Power To Give Assurance Of Salvation!**

*1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

**D. The Power To Walk By Faith!**

*Colossians 2:6-7 6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*

**E. The Power To Cleanse One’s Way!**

*Psalm 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.*

**F. The Power To Give Wisdom!**

*Psalm 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.*

**G. The Power To Give Joy In The Midst Of Trying Circumstances!**

*Jeremiah 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.*

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*John 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.*

### **H. The Power To Protect Us From Error And Sin!**

*Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

### **Conclusion**

Oh how important the Bible is!

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Nothing else can reach into the soul of man and do the Work of God!