

Practical Christianity

Part 5: What is the Bible?

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“I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find _____ on the earth?”

Luke 18:8

Growing Faith in Jesus by Spending _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

God would have us avail ourselves of every means of cultivating and strengthening our intellectual powers.... If the _____ were read more, if its truths were better understood, we should be a far more enlightened and intelligent people. Energy is imparted to the soul by searching its pages. -Child Guidance 507

“And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal _____?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?”” Luke 10:25–26

God committed the preparation of His divinely inspired Word to finite man. This Word, arranged into books, the Old and New Testaments, is the guidebook to the inhabitants of a fallen world, bequeathed to them that, by _____ and obeying the directions, not _____ soul would lose its way to heaven.

1 Selected Messages 16

I take the Bible just as it is, as the _____ Word. I believe its utterances in an entire Bible. -1 Selected Messages 17

“And the _____ became 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 1:14

“The Ten Commandments were spoken by God Himself, and were written by His own hand. They are of divine, and not human composition. But the _____, with its God-given truths expressed in the language of men, presents a union of the divine and the human. Such a union existed in the nature of Christ, who was the Son of God and the Son of man. Thus it is true of the Bible, as it was of Christ, that ‘the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us’ (John 1:14).

1 Selected Messages 25

“And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy _____ of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.” 2 Peter 1:19–21

The Bible is written by inspired men, but it is not God's mode of thought and expression. It is that of humanity. God, as a writer, is not represented. Men will often say such an expression is not like God. But God has not put Himself in words, in logic, in rhetoric, on trial in the Bible. The writers of the Bible were God's penmen, not His pen.

1 Selected Messages 21

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16–17

“Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not _____ against You.” Psalm 119:11

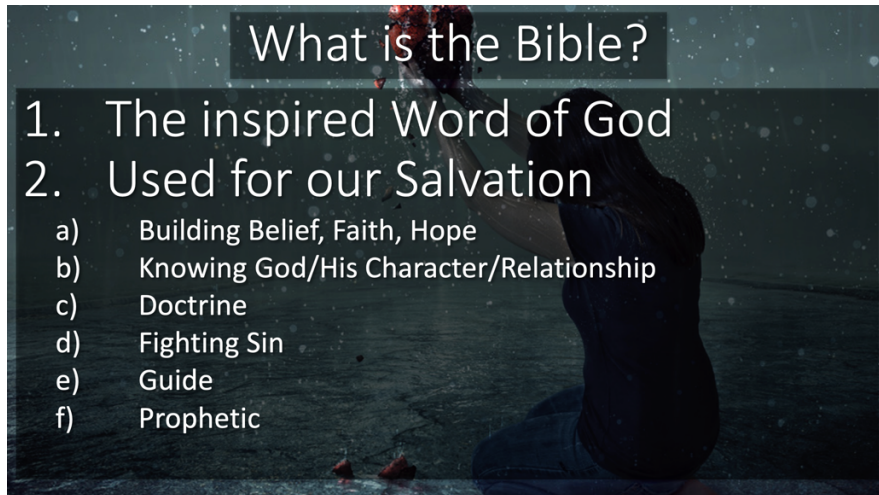
“Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the _____ and rejoicing of my heart;” Jeremiah 15:16

“How can a young man _____ his way? By taking heed according to Your word.” Psalm 119:9

“Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.”
Psalm 119:105

“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may _____ that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have _____ in His name.” John 20:30–31

God bids us fill the mind with great thoughts, pure thoughts. He desires us to meditate upon His love and mercy, to study His wonderful work in the great plan of redemption. Then clearer and still clearer will be our perception of truth, higher, holier, our desire for purity of heart and clearness of thought. The soul dwelling in the pure atmosphere of holy thought will be transformed by communion with God through the study of _____ Christ’s Object Lessons 60



Those who are seeking the righteousness of Christ will be dwelling upon the themes of the great salvation. The Bible is the storehouse that supplies their souls with nourishing food. They meditate upon the incarnation of Christ, they contemplate the great sacrifice made to save them from perdition, to bring in pardon, peace, and everlasting righteousness. The soul is aglow with these grand and elevating themes. Holiness and truth, grace and righteousness, occupy the thoughts. Self dies, and Christ lives in His servants. In contemplation of the word, their hearts burn within them, as did the hearts of the two disciples while they went to Emmaus, and Christ walked with them by the way, and opened to them the scriptures concerning Himself. Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers 87