Study # 2

The Bible

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What is the "authority" in your life? People who believe something, must have a reason for their beliefs. Just as there are standards in the business world, in government, and in education - the Christian needs an absolute standard for his beliefs, his duties - indeed, his whole conduct.

Many people have as their authority their inner CONSCIENCE. "Let your conscience be your guide!" they say. This sounds good, but according to ***Titus 1:15*** the conscience may be

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. According to ***1 Timothy 4:2***, \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and according to ***1 Corinthians 8:7***,

\_ \_ \_ \_.

Other people, especially religious folk, have the CHURCH or man-made CREEDS as their authority. Again, such standards are unreliable - because man is involved. ***Colossians 2:8*** warns us against P \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. (Look up and read: ***Matthew 15:3, 6, 9***.)

For the Christian, only the BIBLE, the WORD OF GOD, should be and is the unchanging authority for faith and practice! ***Psalms 12:6,7***

This study will teach you what the Bible is, why you can take it as your authority, and how to use it as a child of God.

What is The Bible?

1. The Bible is a collection of \_ \_ books, divided into two major sections known as the OLD and NEW \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.
2. Other names given to the Bible are:
3. The \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***Romans 10:17***
4. The \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. ***2 Timothy 3:15***
5. The Books of the Bible are not arranged chronologically, but rather "topically."

Both the Testaments have their Books set in groups, as shown on the next page.

(All new Christians experience difficulty at the first in finding the Books of the Bible, especially during a preaching service. Don't be embarrassed to use the index in the front of your Bible or to accept the assistance of another Christian. The more you use your Bible, the sooner you will become familiar with the location of its Books.)

12 Books

5 Books

Joshua - Esther

Genesis - Deuteronomy

39 Books

History

Writings

Law

Job - Song of Solomon

5 Books

Poetical

WISDOM

Psalms

**OLD TESTAMENT**

5 Books

5 Books

Isaiah - Daniel

Major

PROPHECY Prophets

Hosea - Malachi

12 Books

Minor

From the close of the Old Testament (Malachi) to the birth of Jesus Christ (Matthew), over 400 years transpired. These years are called the "Silent Years."

Matthew - John

4 Books

Gospels

1 Book

Transitional

History

Acts of the Apostles

27 Books

Romans - Hebrews

14 Books

Pauline

**NEW TESTAMENT**

7 Books

Epistles

(Letters)

James - Jude

General

The Revelation

1 Book

Prophecy

HOW DID WE RECEIVE THE BIBLE?

The Bible is not just a book, it is THE BOOK - different from any other book that has or will be written. The Bible is a SUPERNATURAL Book because of the way in which God gave it to mankind.

1. Look up and write out: ***2 Peter 1:21.***

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WARNING! This Book is habit-forming. Regular use causes loss of anxiety, decreased appetite for lying, cheating, stealing and hating. Symptoms: Increased sensations of love, peace, joy and compassion.

This verse of Scripture teaches us three vital facts concerning how we got the Bible.

1. It was not made up by men. “...came not by the will of man...”
2. Men of God wrote the Bible. “...holy men of God spake...”
3. God Authored the Bible. “...as they were moved by the Holy Ghost...”
4. God used human writers to pen His words.
5. God used more than 20 different authors, on 3 different continents, who lived more than a thousand years apart, over a period of some 1600 years. Who? Only the Lord!
6. The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew, with parts of Daniel and Ezra being written in Aramaic. The New Testament was originally written in street-speaking koine Greek.
7. God Authored the Bible.

A good way to illustrate this miracle is to consider how you would write things down on paper. First, it is the pen which actually does the writing - but it only writes as you move it. Second, the characteristics of the script will depend on the kind of pen or writing instrument you use. Write your name down on paper using a "fine ball-point pen," a "felt marking pen," and a paint brush - note there will be the same words, but a different appearance.

1. The Holy Ghost moved the human writers of the Bible in such a way that they

recorded the very words and sense of God, though couched in their own literary style.

1. The way in which God gave us the Bible is called INSPIRATION.
2. Because the Bible is the inspired word of God, we can take it as the

authority (doctrine) for all we believe and practice.

Beware of men who say, "The Bible becomes the word of God" when it speaks to you personally. Look up ***Matthew 24:35*** and ***1 Corinthians 2:13***. According to these passages, God has inspired the “words” (not just the ideas & thoughts).

Beware of men who say, "The Bible contains the word of God," meaning there are parts of it which are not God's word. Look up ***2 Timothy 3:16***, According to this Scripture verse, how much of the Bible is inspired? “\_ \_ \_” of it.

1. Because the Bible is inspired of God, it is \_ \_ \_ \_ from beginning to end.

***Psalms 119:160***

Do We Have the Bible Today?

The ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS of the Bible have long been gone. Does this mean that we no longer have the Pure, Inspired word of God that God promised He would preserve in this generation, and even forever? We either do or we don't! God either is or He isn't! If God is keeping His Word pure and is preserving it today, this would mean that He is doing it through pure copies of the Word of God wouldn't it? Has God ever made a copy of His Word? What does the Bible say?

1. Look Up: ***Psalms 12:6,7*** and ***Matthew 24:35***

Not only did God give us His word, but He also promised to P \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ it from this

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1. How has God preserved His word?

God has providentially kept His word from destruction and corruption in two ways:

1. Down through the centuries, the Lord has raised up men with a love for His word to keep it from harm.

Zealous Jewish patriots, then simple Bible believing Christians have kept the Scriptures available to all generations.

Satan has on numerous occasions attempted to remove the Bible from the face of the earth. Hellish decrees have seen the Bible banned, burned, banished, and battered by scornful men.

1. The Hebrew text of the Old Testament has been faithfully preserved by fastidious Jewish scribes - it is called the *Masoretic Text*. The Greek text of the New Testament has been faithfully preserved in what is called the *Textus Receptus*, which means "***Received Text***." From this, is where the English speaking Authorized King James Version originates also known as the *Protestant Reformation Text.* It is the first Bible to be printed in the United States. It began to be worked on in 1604 and came out in 1611. The AV1611KJV has been translated into over 160 major languages and over 200 minor languages, also 300 dialects.
2. Do we need to understand Hebrew and Greek to know the Bible?

“NO!” “The preservation of God's words extends to our English Bible.”

The “ONLY” version of the Bible translated from the Masoretic Text and the Textus Receptus out of 214 (and counting English Bibles on the market today is the King James Version of 1611 A.D. also known as the Authorized Version.

When you hold a copy of the King James Version (AV1611KJV), you hold in your hand the very words of the living God.

There is no such thing on planet earth today as a person owning a Bible and it not being a copy. You own a copy, I own a copy, and everyone else owns a copy of the Bible. What's the big deal? You will see that it is not a big deal and never has been a big deal for the Lord. He has in the past and through history, and even now is still putting out preserved, pure copies of His Word. There have been over 900 million copies of the KJV since 1611.

Does the Bible teach that God commands and inspires copies of His Word?

The answer is yes! God has taught us very openly and honestly that he has in the past commanded copies to be made of his word, and referred to the copies as being just as much his doing as the originals that they were written after. He also shows us that they are just as preserved, pure and inspired as the ones being copied out. Let's look at three places in the Holy Scriptures and see where God did it.

1. **God & Moses: *Deuteronomy 9:9, 10, 17; 10:1, 2***

What was written on these tables? ***vs. 10*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What happened to these original tables? ***vs. 17*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***(10:1)*** “...Hew thee two tables of stone L\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_...”

***(10:2)*** “And I will w \_ \_ \_ \_ on the tables the w \_ \_ \_ \_ that were in the f \_ \_ \_ \_ tables...”

Did God write His words down for men? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What happened to the originals? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Did God preserve His written word? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

How did God preserve his pure written words? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Who was in control of the whole process? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **Gods law to Kings that sit upon the throne: *Deuteronomy 17:14-20***

Here in this portion of Scripture the Lord is laying out the rules (law) for what a king is to do and not do. One thing that we want to notice is found in ***vs.18-20***.

***(vs18)*** And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall

w \_ \_ \_ \_ him a \_ \_ \_ \_ of this law in a \_ \_ \_ \_ out of that which is before the priests the Levites:

What was the task to be done? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Who was to perform the task? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Who gave the order? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Was there a copy involved? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Did God consider the copy to be his inspired word? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Did God hold the king responsible for reading the copy? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Does God produce pure, preserved, inspired copies of His word? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **God and Jehoiakim: *Jeremiah 36***

In this part of God's word, we find the Lord commanding Jeremiah to write his words down in a book. The book is read publicly, and even reaches the king, and is read before him. Before the reader even finishes reading it the king takes a penknife and cuts the book up and burns it up in the fireplace.

***(vs.2)*** “Take thee a roll of a b \_ \_ \_ and \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ therein all the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that I have

S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_unto thee...”

***(vs.4)*** “...and Baruch \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ from the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of Jeremiah all the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a \_ \_ \_ of a \_ \_ \_ \_.

***(vs.28)*** Take thee again a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in it all the f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

Who destroyed the first book with God's words? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Who ordered the copy to be written? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What was written in the copied book? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Who was in control of all the situation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Did the king get rid of God's words? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Did God preserve His pure word like he promised? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Do you believe God could keep and have His Word present today? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Satan and man have and always will be trying to destroy or change God's Holy Book but have miserably failed. God said that He is keeping it and He is. All of these self-proclaimed intelligent folks that think that they are out witting the Lord fooling around with His word are fooling themselves. Boy are they going to answer to the Lord for their wicked, dishonest, insincere attempts at manipulating the truth, and misleading millions of people that the Lord died for. ***John 17:17; John 6:63, 68; John 5:39-47; Prov. 30:6; Rev. 22:18-19.*** Any man that fears God fears His word. Any man that fears Gods word fears messing with it!

Within this wondrous volume lies

The mystery of mysteries;

Happiest they of human race

To whom their God hath given grace;

To read, to fear, to hope, to pray

To lift the latch, to find the way;

And better had they ne'er been born

Who read to doubt, or read to scorn.

~Sir Walter Scott~

In the Louvre in Paris, there are five- and one-half miles of shelves of books whose **“scientific** **facts”** are now considered obsolete!

Why Do We Need the Bible?

First of all, GOD thinks that we need the Bible! That should be reason enough for us to want to know what he has to say. That ought to show us what kind of condition that we are really in, That God would think that we need His words, and men really could care less whether they have them or not is unimaginable. Wow! What grace. Either God is everything he says he is and the human race is everything he says it is, or he does not exist and the whole Bible thing is Blah,Blah,Blah,Blah!!! Only one can be true. Black or white, up or down, in or out, left or right, salt or pepper, right or wrong, light or darkness, yes or no, alive or dead, on or off, day or night, real or make believe! Which is it? The answer is GOD IS REAL and HIS WORD IS REAL! Believe it or not, He still IS and His word still IS! ***Psalms 14:1***; ***Revelation 21:5***. God is going to hold every man accountable for the truth and light he has been given.

1. Look up: ***1 Peter 2:2***; ***Matthew 4:4***; ***1 Corinthians 3:2***; ***Hebrews 5:12,13***; ***Psalms 19:10***; and ***Jeremiah 15:16***.

According to these Scriptures, the Bible is our spiritual \_ \_ \_ \_.

1. Look up: ***Hebrews 4:12*** and ***Ephesians 6:17***.

The Bible is our spiritual \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

1. Look up: ***Psalms 119:11***.

This verse says the Bible keeps us from \_ \_ \_.

1. Look up: ***Psalms 119:105***. According to this Scripture, the Bible is life's: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Look up: ***2 Timothy 3:16***. The Bible is profitable for: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, (what is right)

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, (what is wrong) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, (how to get it right) and

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (how to keep it right).

1. Look up: ***1 Thessalonians 4:18*** and ***Psalms 119:50***.

The word of God is for our \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

Every man who has not made preparations for eternity is a fool. God has graciously given to us the word of His grace ***(Acts 20:32)*** and we should be diligent to take heed ***(Hebrews 2:1-4; 3:7-19)*** to what God has and is saying, because it will come to pass. May we never, ever be found in our person or character, to be standing on the opposing side of the Lord or his words no matter what anyone says! Your choice! Your eternity!

Make a decision; Make it your decision; And then, stick to it!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THE BIBLE?

1. ***John 5:39*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***Acts 17:11***
2. ***2 Timothy 2:15*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,
3. ***James 1:22*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. ***1 Corinthians 2:13*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. ***2 Timothy 4:2*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. ***Psalms 1:2*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***Joshua 1:8***
7. ***Colossians 3:16*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. ***Psalms 119:11*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

This BOOK will keep you from sin!

or

sin will keep you from this BOOK!

READING ASSIGNMENT:

Read through ***Psalms 119*** (*24 verses per day*). This is called the “word of God chapter,” and is the longest chapter in the Bible.

MEMORIZATION:

Try to memorize Psalms ***119:9, 11***. Thank you for honoring the Lord and His word.