

The Bible, Our Greatest Treasure

The letters in the word “**Bible**”, **B-I-B-L-E**, signify the meaning **Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth**.

The Bible contains the mind and the voice of God. (**Philippians 2:5, Psalms 103:20**) It explains the state of man and the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. The doctrines of the Scriptures are holy, and their precepts are binding. Its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable.

Philippians 2:5 *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*

Psalms 103:20 *Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.*

Jesus Christ is the grand theme of the book we call the Bible and for our good is its design. The glory of God is at its conclusion. (**Jude 25**) In its pages, we find paradise restored, heaven opened, and hell is forever destroyed.

Jude 25 *to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.*

The Bible is supernatural in its origin and eternal in its duration. (**Psalms 119:89**) It is inexpressible in its value, infinite in scope, infallible in its authority and in its power (**Ecclesiastes 8:4**), permanent in its application, and totally inspired by God. (**2 Timothy 3:16**)

Psalms 119:18 *For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.*

Ecclesiastes 8:4 Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

The Bible is made available to all who seek and search for God.

It is at the final judgment that all who die that are not born again by obeying the Gospel of Jesus Christ, must stand before God and give an account of their lives. **(Hebrews 9:27)** It is then that they face the second death. **(Revelation 20:14)**

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Revelation 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

The Bible is a book of choice. **(Deuteronomy 30:19)** Free will is given to all to make that choice. Not choosing means you accept the consequence; your decision involves eternal life.

Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore, choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

1 John 2:25 speaks of the great promise. Making a choice is the greatest of all responsibilities. It is in the Word of God that the Bible reveals an alternative for choosing life or death.

1 John 2:25 *And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.*

Only through the Gospel of Jesus Christ are we given the option of salvation. In the beginning, it was disobedience that brought sin and death into our world. **(Romans 5:12)**

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:*

It is only through obedience that whosoever believeth and obeys the Gospel can be saved. Jesus said you **MUST** be born again to enter the Kingdom of God. **(John 3:3,5,7)** Yes, you **MUST** do something. **(Acts 2:37-39, 41, James 1:22, 2:14,17)**

John 3:3, 5 & 7, 3 *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 5 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. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*

Acts :37-39 & 41, 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? 38 Then Peter said unto them, 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. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*

41 *Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*

James 1:22 *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

James 2:14 & 17, 14 *What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*

The Bible never changes it is the same today, yesterday, and forever. **(Hebrews 13:8)** What God has said and requires, He has said, and He requires forever.

Hebrews 13:8 *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.*

The Bible condemns all who add to or take away from its contents. **(Revelation 22:18-19)** This book continues to challenge each new generation.

Revelation 22:18-9, 18 *For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

It is the travelers map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's Charter. Read it to be wise; believe it to be safe; practice it to be holy.

When you read it, read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. Let it fill your memory, rule your heart, and guide your feet. (**Psalms 119:105**)

Psalms 119:105 *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

Remember, every one of us have a destiny with Death. (**Hebrews 9:27, Ecclesiastes 9:5 & 7:2**) The Bible is our greatest treasure.

Hebrews 9:27 *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*

Ecclesiastes 9:5 *For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.*

Ecclesiastes 7:2 *It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart.*

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