

FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

66 scrolls scattered across $\bf 3$ continents written by $\bf 40$ different writers written in $\bf 3$ different languages over a period of $\bf 1500$ years with $\bf 1$ cohesive message about $\bf 1$ man. Over $\bf 300$ prophecies fulfilled.

- #1 It claims to be God's inspired Word, so it can't be just another good book. "All Scripture is God-breathed" (2 Timothy 3:16)
- #2 It never contradicts itself, and doesn't affirm anything contrary to fact. "Every word of God is flawless" (Proverbs 30:5)
- #3 The Bible is scientifically accurate whenever it intends to speak scientifically. "He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth" (Isaiah 40:22)
- #4 The Bible is historically accurate whenever it intends to speak historically. "And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights" (Genesis 7:12)
- #5 The Bible is prophetically accurate whenever it intends to speak prophetically. "But he was pierced for our transgressions" (Isaiah 53:5)
- #6 When properly interpreted and applied, it has transformed lives for millennia. "The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple" (Psalm 19:7)
- #7 Jesus embodied it, approved it, and is at the center of its storyline. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1)
- #8 The Holy Spirit opens hearts and convinces us it is true. "Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law" (Psalm 119:18)

WHY IS THE WORLD BROKEN

God's plan for us was a beautiful place with no sin as we see in <u>Genesis 1:31</u> 31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

But soon sin entered into the Garden of Eden when humans fell to temptation of the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and pride of life in <u>Genesis 3:22</u> ²² And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever."

This sin continued to spread through those that fell away from God's creation of good. <u>Genesis 6:5 ⁵ The LORD saw how</u> great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.

As time goes on, we see sin continuing to repeat itself through history and must acknowledge that none of us are without the need of a Savior. Romans 3:22-25 ²² This righteousness is given through faith in^[a] Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, ^[b] through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—

THE BIBLE SIMPLIFIED

We can see three scriptures that give a high level outline of what the bible is about. We see the need for a sin offering in *Genesis 22:7 ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.*"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

In the New Testament we see the eternal Savior for our sins (the lamb) described in the Old Testament in <u>John 1:29</u>

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

In the last book of the Bible, we see that our Savior is worthy of all things. He gives us mercy, by us not getting what we do deserve and grace, by us getting what we do not deserve, eternal salvation. Revelation 5:12 ¹² In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

THE ANSWER

We see prophecy revealed in <u>Isaiah 7:14-15</u> ¹⁴ <u>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive</u> <u>and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.</u> ¹⁵ <u>He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right,</u> And later answered in <u>Luke 2:11</u> ¹¹ <u>Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.</u> We see God send his only son for our atonement in <u>John 3:16-17</u> ¹⁶ <u>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.</u> ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

We learn that there is only one way we can be united with him for eternity. <u>John 14:6 ⁶ Jesus answered</u>, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. We see in <u>Matthew 7 ¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate</u>. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Romans 10:9-11 ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."

OUR MISSION WHILE IN THE FLESH

As followers of Christ, our role while on this earth is to go and make disciples. We need to be looking for opportunities in our families, our workplace, our communities we live. Jesus gives us instruction in the gospels.

Matthew 4:19 19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

Matthew 28:19 ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

It is important that we remain in the Word and let it produce spiritual growth in our heart. As that seed of the Word sprouts, it is able to produce generations of crops of Christ followers. <u>Mark 4:30-32 ³⁰ Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."</u>

OUR MISSION TO OUR CHILDREN

As spiritual leaders in our homes, we have a mission to lead our families in spiritual growth, we see in <u>Joshua</u> <u>24:15, "as for me an my house we will serve the Lord".</u> We see instructions in the Bible in <u>Psalm 127:3 Children</u> <u>are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.</u>

Our future is relying on our children and their spiritual growth. <u>Proverbs 13:22 A good person leaves an</u> inheritance for their children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

Our mission is to lead our children and teach them in the way of Word. Ephesians 6:4 4 Fathers, [a] do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

THE IMPORTANCE

Why is all of this so important? We will all be judged and the judgement will lead to eternal life or eternal hell. We see what happens if we do not remain following Jesus in <u>John 15:6 ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.</u>

We also see a vivid description of this in <u>Revelation 20:15</u> 15 Anyone whose name was not found written in the <u>book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.</u>

Jesus is patient with us and wants everyone to come to him, it is never too late; however, we do not know when our last physical day on earth is, so Jesus wants us now <u>2 Peter 3:9 ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his</u> <u>promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.</u>

It is important for us to be prepared to seize our opportunity to lead someone to know Jesus.

1. Peter 3:15 15 But in your hearts revers Christ as Lord. Always he prepared to give an answer.

1 Peter 3:15 ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

THE GOSPEL

The Bad News

The Good News

- 1) God gave the law Exodus 20:3-17
- 2) We missed the mark Romans 3:23
- 3) Our punishment is death Romans 6:23

1) God sent his son John 3:16

- **2)** He lived perfectly *Matthew 5:17*
- 3) He took our punishment Romans 5:8

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it by grace you have been saved through faith- and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.



WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS