

Let The Bible Speak

Why Did God Write A Book?

Those who believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, believe so because of the verifiable testimony found in the New Testament record. "These are written that you may believe.... (John 20:31)." This verse reveals just one purpose God had in giving the Bible to man. A major part of the Bible gives us testimony confirming its truthfulness by means of history, recorded scientific fact, prophecy and fulfillment, shadow and reality. Romans 10:17 states: "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."

However, after one believes the testimony concerning Christ, then the Bible takes on a second purpose. The purpose then becomes one of guidance (Psalms 119:105). Assuming the faith of the reader (Hebrews 4:2), the Bible goes on to show the believers what they must do to please God (II Peter 1:5-9).

There are some so-called Christians today, however, who are turning away from this God-given guide, the Bible, to follow "spirits (I Timothy 4:1)." The Bible itself warns us to "test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets (teachers) have gone out into the world (I John 4:1)." Please notice that the false spirits spoke through false teachers, therefore, in order to "test the spirits", we must test the teachers. This is precisely what the Church at Ephesus did in Revelation 2:2, they "...put to the test those who call themselves apostles...and found them to be false." With what did they "test" these false teachers, and can we use the same tool today to determine if a teacher is speaking for God or not?

The answer to this question introduces yet a third purpose for which God gave the Bible. God gave us the Bible to enable us to keep ourselves free from the entrapment (Colossians 2:8) by false religious leaders. Notice how the Bereans kept themselves from being deceived. They "...received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so (Acts 17:11)." THINK ABOUT IT!

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Into the darkness of our ignorance came the light of God's revelation, the Bible. "...The light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who practices the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God." (John 3:19-21)

This “light” exposed men’s deeds as either being obedient or disobedient. This task is accomplished by the Word of God. (II Timothy 3:16-17)

When Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to His apostles, He said, “But when He, the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into ALL the truth (John 16:13).” Some today question whether this happened or not. Did the promise of Jesus come to fruition or not? Was ALL truth delivered, as Jesus promised, or was Jesus a false prophet? No, friends, Jesus was not a false prophet. ALL “truth” was delivered to them and to us in the form of the New Testament—“...Thy word is truth” (John 17:17). The Word of God has been completely delivered (I Corinthians 13:9-10) to equip us to “EVERY good work” (II Timothy 3:17).

The word of God is so complete in equipping us with the knowledge we need to combat deception that it warns “...though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed...if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed.” (Galatians 1:8-9)

Yes my friends, we need to “test the spirits” to see if they are from God. If any teacher, claiming to have the “Spirit of God” says “the Spirit” told him (or her) anything that conflicts with the inspired Scriptures, we can know, unquestionably, that they do not have the Holy Spirit of God! We can have confidence if we follow only “the Word,” knowing that God has not revealed anything to anyone that He has not revealed to you and I in the Bible. THINK ABOUT IT!

Come worship with us and join with us in obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ!