

INTRODUCTION TO THROUGH THE BIBLE

Genesis 1:1 Gen 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen 1:2 The earth was without form, and void;

When the Bible is silent, we shouldn't make up things to fill the "void."

When the Bible does speak, it is true and accurate.

John 1:1 & 2 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. NKJV

Luke 24:44-45 44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."

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

2 Peter 1:20-21 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

THEME OF THE BIBLE IS JESUS

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

God was manifested in the flesh,

Justified in the Spirit,

Seen by angels,

Preached among the Gentiles,

Believed on in the world,

Received up in glory. NKJV

Revelation 13:8 Jesus: "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

THREE WORDS TO GUIDE OUR FAITH AND LIFESTYLE

1. Precepts

God has said it, that settles it. Always right or always wrong.

God meant what He said.

2. Principles

Applying Biblical truth in areas not specifically addressed

(ie. If it causes someone else to sin, it is wrong.)

3. Preferences

I want it my way. Worship Style, Bible Translation, Personalities

If my family member says that's what it means, it must be true.

66 books Written by over 40 Authors Over 1,600 years

Old Testament Mostly in Hebrew with some Aramaic
New Testament in Greek with some Aramaic

Old Testament/New Testament Testament means "Covenant"
Old Testament – Covenant of The Law
New Testament - Covenant of Grace through Jesus Christ

Heb 9:1-2 Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary.

Heb 9:14 ...how much more shall the blood of Christ,

Heb 9:16-22 16 For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. 17 For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. 18 Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you." 21 Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. 22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. NKJV

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