

Why Bible Study?

A recent poll of evangelical Christians shows that only 9% have a Biblical world view! In other words, 91% of born again Christians view the current world issues from a secular point of view. This position is based on evolution, relativism, tolerance, feelings and a society that is trying to remove God from public view. If a person receives news information from only the secular media or from liberal theologians rather than God's Word, the Bible, opinions on the issues of life or moral values will be confused and uncertain.

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A recent e-mail contained the following humorous quotes from students taking exams:

- + In the first book of Guinness, God.....
- + Noah's wife was named Joan of Ark.
- + Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire by night.
- + 1st commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
- + 5th commandment is to humor your parents.
- + 7th commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
- + Joshua fought the battle of Geritol.
- + The Greatest miracle was when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
- + Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
- + The people that followed Jesus were the 12 decibels.
- + The Epistles were the wives of the Apostles.
- + King Solomon, son of David, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
- + Christians should only have one spouse and this is called monotony.

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The quotes are amusing, but deplorably, are indicative of the kind of Biblical knowledge many Christians have.

Most believers today attend church where a short sermon is based on one text. Few attend adult Sunday School classes. Fewer yet attend a regular Bible study. Sadly, many do not have a regular Bible reading program. The result is that many Christians are Biblically illiterate and are unsure about whether the Bible is truly the inerrant "Word of God."

How can we have biblical values and moral clarity if we don't know what the Bible says? God's main way to communicate with us is through His Word.

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

Scripture tells us that God spoke the world into being. His Words of creation in Genesis 1 were "thundered" or "trumpeted." The Jews believe God created the world on Rosh Hashanah -- the day celebrated as the "head of the year" and the Feast of Trumpets in Leviticus 23. **"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast." Psalm 33:6-9**

Scripture also tells us that God's Word is sure. **"God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" Numbers 23:19.** No wonder Jesus said, **"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."** [Matthew 4:4.](#)

How can we "live" the abundant life God wants us to live, if we don't know His Word that shows us what that life is?

I remember the day Ron, my grandson, brought me a tiny little red Bible he found on my book shelf. He was about 22 months old. It had no pictures, but he wanted me to read it to him. I sensed the Holy Spirit's nudging, "He can learn My Word." Ron quickly memorized [Psalm 119:105.](#) **"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."** Yes, even children have a great yearning to hide God's Word in their hearts. I have a dear friend who understands this truth and has written a book on how to teach children to memorize the Bible. The book is "Creating Christ Centered Kids," by Dr. Patricia Cerny.*

If God's Word is Life and it is nourishment to us, how can we "live" without it?

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