

"The Christian and Gods Word"

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"I have examined all religions, as well as my narrow sphere, my straightened means, and my busy life, would allow; and the result is that the Bible is the best Book in the world. It contains more philosophy than all the libraries I have seen."

John Adams December 25, 1813 in a letter to Thomas Jefferson

"I am a real Christian, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus."

Thomas Jefferson

"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and Bible."

George Washington

"A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education."

Theodore Roosevelt

Gods Word vs. mans word

- **1 Corinthians 1:20-25** ²⁰ Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. ²² For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."
- **1 Corinthians 3:18-20** ¹⁸ Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "*He catches the wise in their own craftiness*"; ²⁰ and again, "*The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.*"
 - The only words we have in this world are mans and God's.
 - Where should the believer get counsel? And Why?
 - **Isaiah 30:1-2** "Woe to the rebellious children," says the LORD, "Who take counsel, but not of Me, and who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; ² Who walk to go down to Egypt, and have not asked My advice, to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!"
 - Because the foolishness of God is wiser than man, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. God isn't weak or foolish.

Gods Word Reveals the Future

- **Isaiah 46:9-10** “⁹Remember the former things of old, For I *am* God, and *there is* no other; I *am* God, and *there is* none like Me, ¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times *things* that are not *yet* done, Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,’
- **Isaiah 48:3** “I have declared the former things from the beginning; they went forth from My mouth, and I caused them to hear it. Suddenly I did *them*, and they came to pass.”
- **Isaiah 48:5** “Even from the beginning I have declared *it* to you; before it came to pass I proclaimed *it* to you”
 - I couldn’t imagine how crazy stressed out we would be as His children if He didn’t give us future details.
 - We would have been freaking out with all the end of the world claims from people like Nostradamus, the Mayans, NASA, R.E.M etc.
 - But we DO know the future events and knowing them gives us HOPE and PEACE!
 - “*Living without prophecy would be like driving across country without road signs*” – Pastor Chris May
- **Revelation 19:10** “For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Gods Word Reveals the Heart

- **Jeremiah 17:9** “The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”
- **Hebrews 4:12** “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.”

Gods Word Gives Us Direction

- **Psalms 43:3** “Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle.”
- **Psalms 119:105** “Your word *is* a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”
- **Psalms 119:133** “Direct my steps by Your word”
- **Ephesians 2:10** “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Gods Word Encourages Us

- **Psalms 118:5-9** “I called on the LORD in distress; The LORD answered me *and set me* in a broad place. ⁶ The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? ⁷ The LORD is for me among those who help me; therefore I shall see *my desire* on those who hate me. ⁸ *It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. ⁹ *It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.”
- **Psalms 119:25** “My soul clings to the dust; revive me according to Your word.”
- **Psalms 119:28** “My soul melts from heaviness; strengthen me according to Your word.”
- **Isaiah 26:3** “You will keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose mind is* stayed on You...”

Gods Word Keeps and Cleanses Us From Sin

- **Psalm 119:11** “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”
- **1 John 1:9** “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Gods Word Builds Our Faith

- **Romans 10:17** “faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Gods Word is Our Spiritual Food

- **Psalm 107:9** “He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness”
- **John 6:35** “And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.”
- **John 4:14** “...whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”
 - I heard it said, “One week without the Bible makes one weak”
 - If you're hungry and thirsty, spend time in His Word and He will satisfy the longing of your soul!

God Esteems His Word above His Name

- **Psalm 138:2** “I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your loving kindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name.”

Gods Word Reveals His Love

- **John 15:12-14** “¹² This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.”
- **Romans 5:6-8** “⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
- **Romans 8:38-39** “³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

THE Word is GOD

- **John 1:1-5** “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. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”

- **1 John 1:1-2** “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—² the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us”
- **Revelation 19:11-13** “¹¹ Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³ He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.”
 - Some have said that there are parts of the Bible that we don’t need, or that aren’t profitable or enough.
 - Do they mean, “Jesus isn’t enough, or we don’t need all of Him?”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 “¹⁶ 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.”

Psalm 1:1-3 “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. ³ He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.”

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An unknown writer said, "*This Book is the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding; its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. Follow its precepts and it will lead you to Calvary, to the empty tomb, to a resurrected life in Christ; yes, to glory itself, for eternity.*"