

WHY STUDY THE BASIC BIBLE COURSE?

- Introduction: 1. God has spoken to man – The Bible is from Jehovah God, the Creator – Hebrews 1:1-2
Over 2,000 times = “Thus saith...”
2 Timothy 3:16-17 • Hebrews 4:12 • Romans 1:16
Its Unity Proves God Inspired It
Written by judges, kings, priests, prophets, scribes, herdsmen, ministers, soldiers,
fishermen, physicians, etc.
Tents, deserts, cities, palaces, dungeons
Yet – NO contradictions / discrepancies
2. MUST “study” and “rightly divide” the Word ~ 2 Timothy 2:15
Hosea 4:6 – People destroyed for lack of knowledge
2 Peter 3:18 – Grow in the knowledge of the Lord
Acts 17:10-11 – Bereans searched the Scriptures to prove what was truth
3. Must LEARN THE TRUTH – Our guidebook
John 8:31-32 • John 14:15, 21 • James 1:21-25
4. There is POWER in the knowledge of Christ – Acts 4:13f
To turn the world upside down – Acts 17:6
To overcome temptation – 1 Corinthians 10:13; Philippians 4:13
To refute / contend – Jude 3; Romans 16:17; 1 John 4
To change a life: from darkness to light – Acts 26:18
from a servant of Satan to God – Colossians 1:18
from death to life – Ephesians 2:1
5. How do we receive it?
With meekness, eagerly? (Acts 2, Matthew 5:6)
6. Our attitude toward the Bible determines the kind of servant we are.
7. Attitude of many toward the Bible is astonishing:
Some use Bible to press flowers – Store keepsakes – Records
Others think it is a good piece of literature

I. THE BIBLE IS PERFECT

- A. It declares its perfection: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 • 2 Peter 1:3 • Jude 3 • James 1:25
B. It is a UNIQUE book Inspired (2 Peter 1:21)– Makes man “complete”
Grants all things that pertain to life & godliness
C. It is a finished product – “once for all delivered” (Jude 3)

II. THE BIBLE HAS ALL AUTHORITY

- A. Paul recognized authority of Bible – 1 Thessalonians 2:13
B. Cf. Psalm 119:160 • Romans 3:4
C. Christ has all authority – Matthew 28:20
Hebrews 1:1-2
John 12:48-50

III. THE BIBLE HAS POWER

- A. Testimony of the Scriptures: James 1:21
Jeremiah 23:29
Hebrews 4:12

- B. Meets Our “Every” Need ~ Complete
2 Peter 1:3 – “all things that pertain...”
2 Tim. 3:17 – “completely furnished...”
Jude 3 – “once delivered”

- C. It Has Survived
Governments / civilizations have crumbled
Vicious, perpetual attacks by enemies
Perversions from every side

IV. THE BIBLE TELLS US:

1. What We Can Have

- Forgiveness of our sinsMark 16:16 • Acts 2:38 • 1 Peter 3:21
- A New LifeColossians 3:9-10 • 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Abundance Of Grace.....Romans 5:17 • Titus 2:11-12
- Sin Not Have Dominion Over.....Romans 6:14 • 1 John 1:7, 9
- Unspeakable Joy1 Peter 1:8
- Peace Passes Understanding.....Philippians 4:7

2. What We Can Be

- Christians – OnlyActs 11:26 • 1 Peter 4:16
- Saints, Children of God.....1 Corinthians 1:2
- Profitable ServantsMatthew 25:14-30
- Happy – Examples – ContentedPhilippians 4:4

3. What We Can Do

- Work For God.....John 9:4
- Teach Others.....2 Timothy 2:2
- Grow More Like God.....2 Peter 1:5-11

4. THREE Special Details:

- Tells us of our origin.....Genesis 1
- Explains our purpose for being here.....Philippians 1:21
- Details our future: heaven or hell.....Revelation 20–21

5. FACTS We Need To Know:

- Man’s lost condition without God
- Sin = Grievous, deceitful, damning
- The Savior, our Redeemer, who loves us
- The Gospel ~ Power to save us
- WARNINGS ~ Revelation 22:18-19 • Galatians 1:8-9 • 2 John 9-11

6. THE AUTHORITY IN RELIGION:

- √ The Bible ~ 2 Samuel 23:2 • 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- √ Church ~ Matthew 16:18 • Colossians 1:18 • Ephesians 1:22-23
 - Glory to God IN CHURCH ~ Ephesians 3:21
 - One bride ~ Ephesians 4:4 • Matthew 16:18
 - Importance ~ Ephesians 1:3 • Acts 2:47
 - Name to wear ~ Acts 4:12 • Acts 11:26
 - “The” way ~ Matthew 7:13f • John 14:6
- √ Salvation ~ Five steps ~ 2 Timothy 2:10
- √ Worship ~ Five elements ~
 - John 4:24 ~ Spirit and in truth
 - 1 Chronicles 16:29 ~ In beauty of holiness
- √ Godly living ~
 - Philippians 2:5 ~ Mind of Christ in you
 - Titus 2:11-12 ~ Soberly, righteously
 - James 1:27 ~ Pure, unspotted
 - Romans 12:1-2 ~ Not conformed to world
 - James 4:4 ~ No participation with world
 - 1 John 2:15-17 ~ Love not world & things
- √ Temptations ~ 2 Timothy 3:12 • Hebrews 4:15
- √ Sufferings ~ Matthew 5:11-12 • Acts 5:39-42
- √ Death ~ Revelation 14:13 • Psalm 116:15 • Psalm 23:4
- √ Judgment Day ~ Romans 14:12

V. We Should VIEW THE BIBLE As...

1. Perfect 2 Timothy 3:16-17 • Jude 3 • James 1:25
2. Powerful Romans 1:16 • Hebrews 4:12 • James 1:21
3. Unchangeable (absolute) Matthew 24:35 • John 12:48
4. Attainable John 8:32 • Romans 8:16-18
5. Holy, sacred, special..... 2 Peter 1:3 • 1 Thessalonians 2:13

VI. Like Paul, We Should...

1. KNOW Scriptures Romans 4:3 • 1 Corinthians 15:3
2. USE Scriptures Galatians 3:22 • Acts 17:2
3. PREACH Scriptures 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 • Acts 20:26-27
4. SUFFERED Because Of Scriptures 2 Corinthians 11:23-28
5. COMFORTED By Scriptures..... 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17
6. DEFENDED Scriptures 2 Timothy 4:7; Philippians 1:17

VII. ULTIMATELY WILL JUDGE US – John 12:48

- A. Final inheritance CAN be ours – if we endure to end (Matthew 10:22)
 - 1 Corinthians 15:55
 - Matthew 25:34
 - John 12:48 ~ Will be judged by His Words
 - Revelation 20:12 ~ Books were opened...book of life
- B. Eternity = 10,000,000 times 10,000,000 years = still in heaven / hell

VIII. The Word Must Be Rightly Divided ~ We Can Understand It:

1. DISPENSATIONS:

Old Testament = Covers two dispensations

School-master – Galatians 3:19-25

Cross removed old covenant – Colossians 2:14f

Dividing line between the Old Testament & the New Testament

New Testament = “New covenant”

Hebrews 1:1-2 – “Spoken through His Son”

2. CONTEXT: (Ask these basic questions)

a. Who is speaking (or writing)?

b. To whom is he speaking?

c. Why was it spoken?

d. In what age (dispensation) is it written?

e. Where was it spoken?

f. What is the background?

IX. True Bible Study Should Involve:

1. Time ~ Effort

2 Timothy 2:15 – “give diligence”

2. Planning

Parallel studies in Bible classes

Preparation for a home study / discussion

Systematic “study through the Bible”

3. Regularity

Balanced ~ Recurring program

Few minutes daily vs. hour+ once weekly

Set aside a time ~ Phone off the hook

4. Saturate Your Mind With The Text

Read over and over

Read related materials (atlas, dictionary, etc)

5. Loving The Law

Psalm 1:1-2 • Psalm 119:97, 105

Matthew 5:6 = “hunger and thirst”

X. Results Of Studying / Knowledge:

1. Know the standard of judgment.....John 12:48

2. Improve our weaknesses.....1 Peter 2:2

3. Have help in times of crisis.....Psalm 119:50,71-72, 78,92

4. Resist temptation.....Matthew 4:4, 7, 10

5. Purify our minds.....Philippians 4:6-9

6. Have peace of God.....Psalm 119:165; Philippians 4:6-9

7. Have hope.....Romans 15:4

8. Teach others also.....Matthew 28:18-20