

# **Is Bible Study Important?**

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The Bible is the one book in this world that teaches us what God requires that we must do to be saved and go to Heaven. We are "to receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21). There is no excuse for man's ignorance of God's word today. "Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is" (Ephesians 5:17). A person is unwise not to study the Bible. The only way we can understand the will of the Lord is through Bible study. Those who do not study God's word are not able "to discern both good and evil" (Hebrews 5:14). Those who do not study God's word are "Having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them" (Ephesians 4:18). Because those who could care less what God says, "And even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up to a reprobate mind" (Romans 1:28).

People will be eternally lost if they don't know what the Bible says, so they can obey God. To keep from being destroyed in the eternal torments of Hell, we must "desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). Those in the church who have not studied God's will are being shamed, "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God" (Hebrews 5:12). The only way we can receive God's word is to "dust off our Bibles" and study them both privately and in Bible classes and hearing God's word preached. We should take advantage every opportunity we have to know God's word.