

Foundations of Faith # 5 The Bible

WORK BOOK

Q. What is the best selling book in the history of publishing?

Q. Why is it?

Q. Why do we buy so many Bibles?

Q. Why did God give us the Bible?

The Scripture is God breathed, given by God through men He inspired to write what He wanted said.

2 Tim 3:14-17

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Q. What Scripture was Paul referring to?

2 Pet 3:16

¹⁶He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction

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- Doctrine appears 21 times in 1&2 Tim

- Profitable for Exhortation

- *1 Tim 5:20*

- *²⁰Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning.*

The word makes crooked paths straight. It was even necessary on one occasion for the apostle Paul to reprove the apostle Peter, which he did?

Gal 2:11-21

¹¹When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. ¹²Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"

¹⁵"We who are Jews by birth and not 'Gentile sinners' ¹⁶know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷"If, while we seek to be justified in Christ, it becomes evident that we ourselves are sinners, does that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸If I rebuild what I destroyed, I prove that I am a lawbreaker. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

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Q. What is the highest virtue in our society today?

The Bible is different, it teaches us to teach, rebuke, correct and train. The world doesn't like that.

It doesn't mean we can force our beliefs on someone else, (Were not Muslims) rather it means we have to raise up God's standards and say this is how we measure, through the Word of God!

In 1986 there was a massive nuclear disaster in Russia at Chernobyl .

It was discovered that the engineers responsible for the disaster had overridden six separate computerized alarms in order to perform an experiment.

When we ignore or shut down the warnings of the Word of God, we likewise are headed for disaster.

Q. How can we use the Bible to Encourage?

- Profitable for Encouraging
 - If we get off the path the Bible is the way back and we can encourage others with this fact.

Q. How can we use the Bible to enable others?

- Profitable for Enabling
 - Enabling is not what you think in this case, it's a source of instruction in righteousness, a guide on how to live a life pleasing to God and pleasing to us.
 - We are saved by truth
 - Instructed on how to grow
 - Rebuked when we are wrong
 - And brought back to the right place, the right direction

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Q. What will the Bible do for us?

-The results of the Bible:

We become whole through the Scripture

Heb 13:20-21

²⁰May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Spiritually prepared:

We are not saved by good works, but we definitely were created in Christ to do them.

Eph 2:8-10

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Titus 3:8

⁸This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

Our lives should reflect good works in order to glorify the name of the Lord.