

The Bible

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I. Introduction.

A. Jesus is the center of the Scriptures.

B. The Bible is not just one book—it is a library. John is a good place to start.

II. Key verses: 2 Timothy 3:14-17.

A. The central theme: all Scripture is given by inspiration of God.

1. This means Scripture is breathed by God.

2. Men were moved along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21, Revelation 1)

3. Over 900 times it says in the Scriptures, “Thus says the LORD...” It is what God says. (Isaiah 42:5)

4. It is the final word for all time. supreme authority. (Psalm 119:189)

B. A battle has raged throughout history over the Scriptures.

1. Jehoacim, the Apostle John, John Wycliffe, William Tyndale and others all were involved in scenarios where the Scripture was at the center of the Bible. (Jeremiah 36, Revelation 1:7)

2. Satan tries to hinder man by preventing them from getting to it.

III. Why the Bible is true.

A. Objective facts.

1. The Bible is consistent with itself.

2. Its events are consistent with history. (Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:1)

3. Its events are consistent with life. (Proverbs 5:35)

IV. The benefits of Scripture. (2 Timothy 3:16)

A. It is not the Bible that saves, Christ does. But the Bible leads one to Christ.

B. The Bible is profitable for life.

C. It is profitable for teaching and correction.

D. It is profitable for the ministry.

V. Conclusion: are you prepared to...

- A. Study the Bible daily for the rest of your life?
- B. Commit yourself to Scripture memory for the rest of your life?
- C. Involve yourself in inductive Bible study for the rest of your life?

Application questions.

1. Why is the Scripture so important? Can it save? Explain.

2. How would you counsel someone who is having doubts about the Bible?

3. What can you do this week to better or begin your personal Scripture memory program, daily Bible reading or community Bible study?
