

1 BIBLE BASICS

2 INTRODUCING BIBLE BASICS

1 The Foundation

Creation reveals the existence of God, but the Bible reveals the person and mind of God. The basis of Jesus' ministry was biblical doctrine.

2 The Faith

The source and foundation of all faith is the Bible. When we read of "the faith" it means "the statement of faith." Faith comes from hearing the Bible. (Romans 10:17)

3 The Facts

In this Bible Basics study, we are going to identify the basic facts we gain from studying the Bible and seek to make practical applications for daily life. This is a brief study of Bible Doctrines.

3 THE BIBLE'S ORIGIN

Where and how did we get the Bible?

4 God Revealed the Bible to Penmen

■ Revelation

- ▷ Revelation is supernatural communication from God.
- ▷ God directed unknown and unknowable facts to the human mind.
 - ▷ For example, the history recorded in the Bible is 100% true.
 - ▷ (Deuteronomy 29:29) "The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."
 - ▷ Can you think of other Bible examples of supernatural revelation?

5 God Revealed the Bible to Inform Man

■ The significance of God's revelation.

- ▷ It reveals personal information about God (Psalm 147:4-5).
- ▷ It reveals the origin of man (Genesis 1:27).
- ▷ It reveals the origin of sin (Genesis 3:6-7; Romans 5:12).
- ▷ It reveals God's plan for man's eternal salvation (John 3:16).
- ▷ It reveals God's plan for Christian living (Romans 12:1-2).
- ▷ It reveals future prophetic information (1 Corinthians 15:51-52).
 - ▷ Can you think of any other significances of God's revelation?

6 God Revealed the Bible in Two Ways

■ General Revelation

- ▷ God revealed general facts through nature (Romans 1:20).

■ Special Revelation

- ▷ God revealed specific facts supernaturally. He used ...
 - ▷ Audible talks, divine messengers (i.e., theophanies, angels), dreams, visions, lots, urim & thummim, and Jesus Christ.
 - ▷ These cannot be explained by natural means.
 - ▷ (2 Peter 1:21) "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

7 God's Revelation is Now Complete

■ Once the Bible was complete, God stopped revealing new truth.

- ▷ During Paul's day, God was still giving revelations and prophecies in part (1Co 13:9). These revelations were part of a greater whole. God was giving His Word part-by-part, but it was not yet complete. When the perfect would come, the "in part" would cease (1Co 13:10).
- ▷ Perfect means finished or complete (not sinless). This word is neuter and cannot refer to a masculine subject like Christ. Perfect refers to the completed Word of God of which 1st Century Christians were receiving in part. Christ's coming could not be the perfect for they were not receiving it in part.

8 God Inspired His Revelation to Man

■ The Meaning of Inspiration

- ▷ Inspiration means that the Holy Spirit guided the writers of the Bible so that they accurately received and flawlessly wrote God's revelation.
- ▷ God so directed the human authors that they recorded His revealed Word accurately, yet without destroying their own individuality, literary style, or personal interest.
 - ▷ (2 Timothy 3:16) "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"

9 God Inspired All of the Bible for Man

■ We believe that this inspiration in the original writings was both verbal and plenary. Translations are not inspired.

- ▷ Verbal means that God guided in the choice of the words used in the original writings not just their thoughts.
 - ▷ (Jeremiah 1:9) "Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth."
- ▷ Plenary means "full" or "complete" inspiration (the whole Bible is inspired).
 - ▷ (2 Timothy 3:16) "All scripture is given by inspiration of God..."

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The translators of the KJV did not claim inerrancy. "No cause therefore why the word translated should be denied to be the word, or forbidden to be current, notwithstanding that some imperfections and blemishes may be noted in the setting forth of it." Preface of the KJV 1611

11 Other Important Verses on Inspiration

■ Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would guide into all truth

- ▷ (John 16:13) "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

■ The Holy Spirit guided the writing of Scripture. Do not miss this!

- ▷ (2 Peter 1:21) "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

■ Peter states that Paul's writings were Scripture (2 Peter 3:16).

12 What Does Inspiration Teach Us?

■ The Bible is God's Word (Exodus 20:22).

- The Bible came from God not man (2 Peter 1:21).
- The Bible is perfect and eternal (Psalm 119:160).
- The Bible will stand forever (Isaiah 40:8; 1 Peter 1:24-25).
- God inspired the original writings and we must seek to use a translation that accurately reflects those original writings.
 - ▷ We will talk more about translations in another lesson.

13 **Review Bible Revelation and Inspiration**

1 **What is Revelation?**

What is the Significance of Revelation?

What are the two kinds of revelation from God?

How do we know that God's Revelation is complete?

2 **What does Inspiration mean?**

What two terms tell us that every word in the entire Bible was inspired by God?

What did the 1611 KJV translators say about their work?

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