

Why Was The Bible Written?

(Part 2)



2 Timothy 3:16

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"How thou oughtest to behave thyself"

1 Timothy 3:14-15

- The Bible is not a book of suggestions, but a book of "ought."
- cf. 1 Timothy 4:11; 6:2
- Man can walk according to his own direction, but with consequence. cf. Romans 1:21-28; Titus 2:11

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"That ye sin not" 1 John 2:1

- Sin – Transgression. 1 John 3:4; James 4:17
- All sinned. Romans 3:23
- Remedy – blood of Christ. 1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5
- When Jesus was tempted, "It is written" Matthew 4:4,7,10
- Still accomplishes the same. Psalms 119:9-11
"Thy word have I laid up in my heart that I might not sin against thee" cf. 1 Corinthians 15:34

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"That ye may understand" Ephesians 3:3-4

- Duty to understand. Ephesians 5:17
- Must "desire" 1 Peter 2:2; and "give diligence" 2 Timothy 2:15
- Faithful preaching causes understanding. Nehemiah 8:8
- Psalms 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path."

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"That ye may be mindful" 2 Peter 3:1-2

- Causes us to remember. 2 Peter 1:12-15; Hebrews 2:1; Acts 20:35; cf. Jude 5; Hebrews 3:7-4:11

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"That ye might learn ... not to think of men above that which is written" 1 Corinthians 4:6

- Men will disappoint us.
- God will not. 1 Corinthians 1:12-13; Hebrews 13:5 "I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee."

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"That thou mightest know the certainty of those things wherein thou has been instructed"

Luke 1:3-4; 2 Timothy 3:14

- Wisdom of the world needs revision. cf. 1 Corinthians 2:6
- Truth does not change. Proverbs 23:23
 - Homosexuality. Romans 1:26-27
 - Abortion. Genesis 25:22-23; Luke 1:41; cf. 2:12
 - Marriage. Matthew 19:3-9
 - Women's role in the church. 1 Timothy 2:12; 1 Corinthians 14:33-36

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"That ye also may have fellowship with us."

1 John 1:3

- Possible to be in fellowship with unfruitful works of darkness. Ephesians 5:11
- Possible to be in fellowship with devils. 1 Corinthians 10:20
- Bible provides instruction necessary to have fellowship with Christ. Ephesians 3:6,9
- One cannot have fellowship with the apostles if he has not heard, believed and obeyed their word. John 17:20.
- Unless one accepts *"that which is written"* you have no fellowship with the Father or the Son. 1 John 1:6

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"That ye may know that ye have eternal life."

1 John 5:11-13

- Eternal life is *"In His Son."* 2 Timothy 2:1,10; John 17:3
- Eternal death is out of His son. John 3:36
- Bible is written to tell us how to get into Christ. Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27

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"That you should earnestly contend for the faith."

Jude 3

- Philippians 1:16 Paul set to defend.
- 1 Corinthians 9:16 *"woe ... If I preach not the gospel."*

- Are we using the Bible for these noble purposes?
- Are we rightly dividing the word of truth?
- Using the Bible as God intended it, will save ourselves and them that hear us. 1 Timothy 4:16