

Do You Believe the Bible?

Int.

1. Aim: To pursue the question "Do you Believe the Bible?" and see what that really means if we say we do!
2. Acts 17:11 — the people at Berea searched the scriptures daily to see if Paul and Silas were preaching the Truth. They believed the Bible! Do You?
3. Whether or not you believe the Bible makes a difference in your life:
 - a. In Becoming a Christian
 - b. In Living as a faithful Christian
 - c. In morality and ethics
 - d. In marriage and the home
 - e. In your Work
4. Do You Really Believe the Bible?

Discussion

I. DO YOU BELIEVE THE BIBLE ABOUT INSPIRATION ?

- A. What does inspiration mean?
 1. Inspiration = [Theopneustos]
 - a. English word = derived from the Latin term "inspiratio" In = meaning in or into and Spiro = meaning to breathe. So it came to mean breathing of divine influence.
 - b. GREEK WORD = means God Breathed, or the breathe of God — Inspiration, therefore, as it relates to the Bible, may be defined as the divine inbreathing of God into man which enables him to receive and communicate divine truth without error.

2. The Bible claims to be the verbally inspired word of God.
 - a. II Tim. 3:16-17
 - b. The expression "Thus saith the Lord" is recorded over 3,000 times in the Bible. Ex. 4:22, 5:1
 - c. The word of God is infallible. - Ps. 19:7 "The law of the Lord is perfect..."
 - d. The Scriptures are inerrant. This means there are no errors in the Bible. When God originally directed the writers of the Bible they did not make any mistakes. This is not to say that the scribes down through the years have not made a few minor mistakes in copying. But these are very minor and insignificant.
 - e. The scriptures are plenary inspired. This means that they are inspired in whole. Every word is from God. There are some who believe in partial inspiration. But this is not what the Bible teaches.
 - f. The scriptures are verbally inspired. This means that the scriptures are a language deposit in written form from God. -Mt. 4:4

B. Alternative

1. Bible is just another Book
2. Not what it claims to be
3. Has no authority

II. DO YOU BELIEVE THE BIBLE ABOUT CREATION

- A. Gen. 1 & 2
 - 1. All things created in 6 days
 - 2. Universe + earth + sun + moon + all animals + man and woman
- B. Jn. 1:1-3
 - 1. Word = Christ
 - 2. All things were made by Him!
- C. Col. 1:14-17
 - 1. By Him - Christ
 - 2. All things were created in heaven, earth, visible and invisible
- D. Alternative
 - 1. Creation or evolution
 - 2. Evolution denies God
 - 3. All things just happened

III. DO YOU BELIEVE THE BIBLE ABOUT YOUR SOUL ?

- A. Gen. 2:7
 - 1. Man became a living soul
 - 2. Soul = made in the image of God - Gen. 1:27
- B. Eccl. 12:7
 - a. Body will return to the dust
 - b. Spirit [soul] will return unto God who gave it!
- C. Alternative
 - 1. No soul - only a body
 - 2. At death the body decays and that is all there is -that's the end.

IV. DO YOU BELIEVE THE BIBLE ABOUT THE ETERNAL DESTINY OF YOUR SOUL ?

A. Only Two Choices:

1. HEAVEN + reward 4- Godly •*• righteous
2. HELL + punishment + ungodly + unrighteous

B. Verses

1. Jn. 5:28-29
2. Mt. 25:31-46
 - a. Goats — Sheep
 - b. Depart — Come
 - c. Cursed — Blessed Everlasting punishment - Life eternal

C. Alternative

1. Some believe in heaven only - deny existence of Hell
2. If we can't believe the Bible about Hell then how can we believe it about heaven?

V. DO YOU BELIEVE THE BIBLE ABOUT CHRIST ?

A. Bible Teaching

1. God's only begotten Son - Jn. 3:16
2. Jn. 1:1-14 - Word = from the Beginning
3. Born to Joseph and Marry - Seed of woman
4. Lived as a Human Being - Tempted - no sin - Heb. 4:15
5. Came to Seek and Save the lost - Lk. 19:10
6. Mt. 1:21 - He shall save his people from their sins
7. How did he do this - Death, Burial, Resurrection = I Cor. 15:1-4

8. Ascension back to heaven - Acts 1:9

B. Alternative

1. Christ was just another man, if he was not the Son of God.
2. If he was not God's Son then he was lying
3. Then he could not be our Saviour !
4. I Cor. 15:13-14 — preaching is vain and faith is vain

Conclusion

1. Do you Believe the Bible?
 - a. If you do then that is called FAITH
 - b. Rm. 10:17
 - c. Heb. 11:1 you have believed the evidence presented.
 2. YOU BELIEVE:
 - a. The Bible is Inspired of God
 - b. God Created All things - Heb. 11:3
 - c. That you have a soul made in God's image
 - d. The Eternal destiny of your soul is either heaven or hell
 - e. That Christ is God's Son who came to this earth to save our soul from Hell and give us a hope of eternal life in Heaven!
 3. Are you in Christ?

Believe Repent Confess Baptized - Gal. 3:26-27
 4. Then you must read the Bible, grow and mature as a Child of God.
 5. Do you believe the Bible? - JN. 14:15
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