



Why Bible Study Is Necessary

- ① **This is God's Word – not the word of men.** (John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Hebrews 4:12) It is to be taken more serious than any other document. God has commanded that we study it.
- ② **The only way to know God is to study what He has revealed about Himself.** Without serious study of God's Word you can only have an "opinion" about who God is and all other important questions of life.
- ③ **The only way to know what sin is to be a student of God's Word and what He says sin is.** Without serious study of God's Word sin is what people say it is not necessarily what God says.
- ④ **It is an ancient document.** It is a document that spans 1,500 years. It is a document written in different cultures, different political, economical, and spiritual situations. It is a document written by about 40 different authors from different backgrounds. It is a document written in different genre: history, poetry, wisdom, narrative, epistles, prophecy, and apocalyptic literature. One **cannot** understand God's Word by reading it through 21st Century "glasses" or understanding. The Bible must be understood in the way it was communicated in the culture and age that it was delivered.
- ⑤ **It is translated document.** It was not written in English!! ALL translated works lose something in translation. Definition of words must be in accordance with what was its definition when it was written.

- ⑥ **It can only be understood by the help of God's Spirit.** (1 Cor 2:14)
- ⑦ **It is written with grammar.** Nouns, verbs, pronouns, preposition, conjunctions, etc. must be carefully studied.
- ⑧ **Words have definitions.** Definitions change over time. Definitions of a word may have different meanings in different cultures. The Word of God must be study with the definitions first used when the Word of God was recorded.
- ⑨ **Because there has been and is so much deception/false doctrine.** Christ and His New Testament writers warn us of many false teachers and false teachings. Therefore, a disciple of Christ will study to make sure what he/she believes is in fact true. (Matthew 24:4, 5, 11, 24; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; 4:2; Romans 16:18; Colossians 2:4, 8; 1 Timothy 1:4-7; 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 4:3-4; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 John 2:18; 4:1; 2 John 7-11; Jude 4; Revelation 2:2)
- ⑩ **NONE OF US KNOWS what we OUGHT to know.** (Corinthians)

• Satan's Lies Believed Today:

- ① **LIE:** Bible study is not important.
→ **TRUTH:** Sitting at the feet of our Master/Lord and learning from Him is the "one thing needed". (Jesus Christ, Luke 10:42)
- ② **LIE:** Only the New Testament is needed.
→ **TRUTH:** One cannot understand the New Testament without the Old Testament. One cannot properly interpret the Old Testament without the New Testament.
→ **TRUTH:** Jesus said that man lives on EVERY WORD that proceeds from the Father's mouth. (Luke 4:4; Matt 4:4)
- ③ **LIE:** Bible study is for pastors and theological professors.
→ **TRUTH:** Everyone is commanded to test pastors. (1 Thess 5:17; 1 John 4:1; Acts 17:11; Isaiah 8:20)
- ④ **LIE:** Other things are more important than Bible study.
→ See again Luke 10:42; 1 John 4:1; Isaiah 8:20
- ⑤ **LIE:** Devotionals are sufficient.
→ **TRUTH:** All Scripture is given to us to profit us. To ignore what God has given us is to show ourselves as fools.
→ **TRUTH:** Man says, "Man lives on a devotional a day," but Christ says, "Man lives on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Luke 4:4; Matthew 4:4)

- ⑥ **LIE:** A Christian and a disciple are two different things. One can be a Christian without being a disciple.
- **TRUTH:** All disciples are not Christians. But ALL Christians are disciples. (Luke 9:23; Matthew 28:18-20)
- **TRUTH:** By definition what was/is a disciple:
- ① The Master chooses His disciples not the disciple choosing their Master. (John 15:16; Ephesians 1:4)
 - ② To be a disciple one must **totally submit** to the Master's authority to include His interpretation of Scripture. (John 8:31; Luke 9:23, 57-62; 14:26-33; John 10:27-28; 21:22)
 - ③ Disciples were expected to memorize most, if not all, of Hebrews Scriptures before their 12th birthday.
 - ④ Disciples now wanted to LIVE the Scriptures.
 - ⑤ Disciples had daily interaction with their Master. The Master questioned his disciples on every aspect of life.
 - ⑥ Disciples' goal and the Master's expectation was that the disciples would become just like their Master. (1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 John 2:6; Romans 8:29)
- ⑦ **LIE:** We must interpret the Word of God through 21st Century "lenses".
- **TRUTH:** No one would ever say this about any other ancient document.
- **TRUTH:** Truth can only be known by studying what was said and what was heard.
- **TRUTH:** What was said in the first century is still truth today.
- ⑧ **LIE:** The Bible is not sufficient for 21st Century life since it was written thousands of years ago.
- **TRUTH:** If this is true, then what or who's Word is sufficient for today? What man's word can be trusted?