



## 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 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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?