

LESSON 1: CHRISTIANS BELIEVE THE BIBLE

PART 1

Discussion of last week's meeting, readings and events.

(I) DEFINITION

(A) The Bible is God's revelation of Himself to man, His creation. The Bible forms one continuous story; the story of humanity in relation to God. From the beginning to the end, the Bible has one great theme; the Person and work of Jesus Christ.

(B) The word Bible is taken from the Greek word 'biblos' simply meaning book. It is '*the*' book; there is no other book like it as we shall see. It is the revelation of God and the words and voice of God Himself!

(II) READ HEBREWS 1:1-3

(A) In these verses we see that God's Word is a progressive revelation.

(B) Various (or Sundry) Times

(C) Diverse manners

(D) Times past

(E) Unto the fathers by the prophets

(F) In these last days

(G) Unto us by/in/His Son (The express image of His person).

(III) READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:16,17

(A) What portion of scripture is inspired by God?

(B) The work "inspired" in this verse means "God Breathed." It's as if God spoke it himself. (See Genesis 2:7)

(C) What is God's Word profitable for?

(IV) CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WORD OF GOD

(A) The Word of God is _____
"1 Peter 1:23, 25"

(B) The Word is _____
"Hebrews 4:12"

(C) The Word is _____
"Luke 21:33"

(D) The Word is _____
"Romans 1:16"

(V) HOW CAN I KNOW THE BIBLE IS WITHOUT ERROR?

(A) 2 Peter 1:20-21 assures us that God's Word is true and reliable.

(B) There are over 300 prophecies in the Old Testament fulfilled during the life and ministry of Jesus. If we analyze the probability of one person fulfilling just eight, the probability would be 1 in 10 with 17 zeros after it! We can understand why Peter declares that the written word of prophecy is more sure.

(C) 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us that all Scripture finds its origin in God.

(D) Titus 1:2 tells us that God cannot lie.

(E) What does this say about the reliability of God's Word?

The following article entitled, "*The Bible: the Word and the Voice of God*" is there to help you grow in greater confidence concerning the Word of God, it's value, accuracy and inspiration.