

MESSAGE: "THE BIBLE – PART II"

WHY SHOULD YOU READ THE BIBLE?

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work." 2 TIM 3:16-17

1. The Bible is _____

The Bible is the **INSPIRED**, **AUTHORITATIVE**, and **ENDURING** Word of God that brings us **TO** faith, nurtures us **IN** the faith, and brings us to **MATURITY** in the faith.

"If you pick and choose the bits of Scripture you want to believe, it's not Scripture you believe, it's yourself."

2. The Bible is _____ = it speaks to all people, anytime, everywhere

If you want to understand the Bible, you need to understand Jesus. And if you want to understand Jesus, you need to understand the Bible.

3. The Bible is _____ God, _____ us, _____ us

"...you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."
JOHN 8:32

WHAT DOES GOD WANT TO SAY TO YOU THROUGH THE BIBLE?

1. I _____ you

"O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me... I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence... You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb... How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!" PS 139

2. I _____ you

"May you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully." EPH 3:18-19

3. You can _____ Me

"This is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth." JOHN 17:3

4. You are My _____

"We are God's masterpiece." EPH 2:10

5. You are _____

"For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God." 1 PET 1:18-19

6. I won't just _____ I love you; I'll _____ you

"On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it.'" 1 COR 11:23-27

7. The Bible will tell you _____ you need to know about Me

"By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence." 2 PET 1:3

*All Scripture references are from the New Living Translation of the Bible unless otherwise noted