

The Vine Community Church

Listen to the Word

Word of the Day: Listen

- John 17:4
- Our Theme verse: John 15:5
- The Holy Spirit that God gives us when we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 16:31) gives us the ability to walk with God daily. (John 14:16)
- When we study the word of God our minds will be transformed to think like Jesus (Romans 12:2) and then we will begin to act like Him.

Our Focus: Reaching the world by reaching the families.

- "The White House is not going to change our nation your house is." Dr. Bob Barnes

Why Should I Believe the Bible?

- The main reason you should believe the Bible is because Jesus did.
- Matthew 5:17
- John 10:35 Jesus said Scripture cannot be broken
- Matthew 15:3 Jesus calls the Old Testament the commandment of God
- Mark 7:13 Jesus refers to Scripture as the word of God
- Matthew 4:4-10 Jesus answered Satan by quoting the Old Testament
- Jesus believed in the Historicity of Adam (Matthew 19:4) Cain and Abel (Luke 11:51), Noah (Luke 17:26) Jonah (Matthew 12:40) Creation account (Mark 10:6-9) and the reality of Heaven and Hell (Mark 9:44-46)

Do we have an accurate account of what really took place? Are there mistakes in the Bible?

- The Oral tradition was written down and copies were distributed in what we now call the Bible.
- Some of these writings were written 50- 100 years of when they took place and with some of the people were still alive when the writings were being circulated. (See 1 Cor 15)
- There are things called variants or slight differences, but those things have not bearing on the message, and it does not change any of the meanings or the message of the Bible.
- Names of People, Places and events that have taken place all show that the Bible is not a bunch of made up stories but an accurate portrayal of what took place.
- Botanical terms, financial norms, languages, and customs are all verified by non-Biblical sources showing the accuracy of what was written.
- 25,000 fragments of manuscripts exist in libraries and universities the next piece of ancient literature only has 643 copies and that is Homers Iliad.
- 1 Corinthians 15:3-8
- The important thing for us to know and believe is that the Bible has the final say in what we believe and how we live.

Why are there differing details about events in the Bible between the Gospels?

- Matthew who was writing to convince his Jewish audience that Jesus was the Messiah
- Mark who was writing to a more Roman crowd did not think some details were necessary.
- Luke was an historian who researched and interviewed people to get an accurate account.
- John knew that the copies of Mathew, Mark and Luke were circulating to he compressed the details as much as possible because his emphasis was on the theological significance.
- John 20:30-31

Why would the Disciples start another religion?

- They literally had nothing to gain from it. They did not get Money, power, or become famous they simply got persecuted and almost all of them killed for what they believed.
- Hebrews 1:1-2

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- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

A) Individually

- Learn to Read: As if it is the first time you have read it and read it as a Love letter
- Learn to Observe: What do I see? What are the facts?
- Read Prayerfully, Purposely, meditatively (Think about what you read) Repeatedly, Patiently and Imaginatively (Think about the scenery does not make things up)
- John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth

B) Corporately

- Colossians 3:16

C) Memorization

- Psalm 119:11

Closing

- The word of God is our standard and what we will discuss as we discuss what we believe.
- It is our guide and we believe that it was given to us by God for us to hear from Him.
- WE do not need any special revelations from God we need to do what He has commanded us to do and then trust Him to guide us in what we are to do.

Resources

1. Another Gospel by Alisa Childers
2. The Unshakeable Truth by Josh and Sean McDowell.
3. Cold- Case Christianity by J. Warner Wallace
4. I don't have enough faith to be an atheist Dr. Frank Turek
5. A Grand Illusion by David Young

Devotions

1. Do you have any questions about the Bible that make it difficult to believe?
2. What makes the Bible unique among all other "Holy" books?
3. Why do you think the Bible gets heavily criticized more so than other books?
4. What does Hebrews 4:12 tell us that the Bible does to us?
5. Why is scripture memorization important according to Psalm 119:11?
6. Why is it important to read scriptures with other Christians?

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John 15:5

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