

Why Was The Bible Written?



1 Timothy 3:16

The Bible Was Not Written...

- For Profit Ps. 50:12; Phil. 3:8; 1 Cor. 4:9-13
- To Satisfy curiosity. Acts 17:18-21; Deut. 29:29
- To reveal culture, beliefs and superstitions of the writer's era. Ruth. 4:7-8; Luke 7:44; Rom. 16:16
- To perpetuate myths and legends of pagan tribes. Acts 14:11-12; cf. 2 Pet. 1:16

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- To present and define current events of the day. (cf. Daniel, Ezekiel, Revelation)
- To hurt, cause grief, pain and shame. 1 Cor. 4:14; 2 Cor. 2:4; 7:8-10; Acts 2:37; 7:54
- To promote "self esteem." Prov. 4:23; 23:7; 14:14; cf. Eph. 2:12ff; Col. 2:8-10; Luke 15

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- *"That ye might believe"* John 20:30-31
 - Faith produced by hearing. Romans 10:17
 - Devil does not want you to hear. Luke 8:11-12
 - Begotten by the word. James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:22-25; 2 Tim. 4:2-4

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- *"For our admonition"* 1 Corinthians 10:11
 - Bible warns. 1 Corinthians 4:14; 2 Peter 2; Ezekiel 3:17-21; Hebrews 3:7-4:1

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- *"How thou oughtest to behave thyself"* 1 Timothy 3:15
 - Bible not suggestions, but a book of "ought." cf. 1 Timothy 4:11; 6:2;
 - Man can walk according to his own direction, but with consequence. cf. Romans 1:21-28

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- *"That ye sin not" 1 John 2:1*
 - Sin – Transgression. 1 John 3:4
 - All sinned. Romans 3:23
 - Remedy- blood of Christ. 1 John 1:7; Rev. 1:5
 - When Jesus was tempted, "It is written" Matthew 4:4,7,10
 - Still accomplishes the same. Psalms 119:9-11
"Thy word have I laid up in my heart that I might not sin against thee"
cf. 1 Corinthians 15:34

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- *"That ye may understand" Ephesians 3:3-4*
 - Duty to understand. Ephesians 5:17
 - Must "desire" 1 Peter 2:2; and "give diligence" 2 Timothy 2:15
 - Faithful preaching causes understanding. Nehemiah 8:8
 - *Psalms 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path."*

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- *"That ye may be mindful" 2 Peter 3:1-2*
 - Causes us to remember. 2 Peter 1:12-15; Hebrews 2:1; Acts 20:35; cf. Jude 5; Hebrews 3:7-4:11

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- *"That ye might learn...not to think of men above that which is written" 1 Corinthians 4:6*
 - Men will disappoint us.
 - God will not. 1 Corinthians 1:12-13

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- *"That thou mightest know the certainty of those things wherein thou has been instructed" Luke 1:3-4; 2 Timothy 3:14*
 - Wisdom of the world needs revision. cf. 1 Corinthians 2:6
 - Truth does not change. Proverbs 23:23

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- *"That ye also may have fellowship with us." 1 John 1:3*
 - Possible to be in fellowship with unfruitful works of darkness. Ephesians 5:11
 - Possible to be in fellowship with devils. 1 Cor. 10:20
 - Bible provides information necessary to have fellowship with Christ. Ephesians 3:6,9
 - One cannot have fellowship with the apostles if he has not heard, believed and obeyed their word. John 17:20.
 - Unless one accepts "that which is written" you have no fellowship with the Father or the Son. 1 John 1:6

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- *“That ye may know that ye have eternal life.” 1 John 5:11-13*
 - Eternal life is “In His Son.” 2 Timothy 2:1,10; John 17:3
 - Eternal death is out of His son. John 3:36
 - Bible is written to tell us how to get into Christ. Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27

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- *“That you should earnestly contend for the faith.” Jude 3*
 - Philippians 1:16 Paul set to defend.
 - 1 Corinthians 9:16 “woe ... If I preach not the gospel.”

- Are we using the Bible for these noble purposes?
- Are we rightly dividing the word of truth?
- Using the Bible as God intended it, will save ourselves and them that hear us. 1 Timothy 4:16