



General Topics :: The bible is not "the Word"

The bible is not "the Word" - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/22 15:45

Why is the bible called, the "Word of God" or "God's Word"? Where in the bible does it say that scripture is the word of God?

John 1: 1 - 14 (KJV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

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Re: The bible is not "the Word" - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2005/8/22 16:17

Quote:
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God, who at many times and in many ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds, (Heb 1:1-2)

God "spoke" in time past by the prophets, therefore those writings could accurately be said to be "God's word".

Of course, we are also incredibly blessed and privileged to have the complete revelation in the "Living Word", Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Ron

Re: The bible is not "the Word" - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/8/22 16:17

I don't dispute that Christ is the Word of God, however...
 "If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;" (John 10:35, KJVS)
 This clearly equates the scripture with the 'word of God'.

God has revealed Himself in...

creation: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth sp

each, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.Â” (Psa. 19:1-2, KJVS) but this revelation was always incomplete and is now severely damaged.

the scriptures: see the verse above. This revelation is perfect but incomplete.

Christ Himself: the verses you quoted and many another. This revelation is perfect and complete. He is God's last word.

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Really? Are you sure?

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Act 13:44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

Rom. 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

*2Co 2:17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the **word of God**: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.*

*2Co 4:2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the **word of God** deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.*

*1Th 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the **word of God** which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the **word of God**, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*

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Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Shall I continue, Blake? I'm not sure what your point or intent is with this thread... but I must say that your exegesis is a t

ad bit scary. Not trying to put you down, just saying I think you need to study things a little more closely before you make declarations like that.

Krispy

Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/22 17:05

In none of the scriptures you listed does it claim scripture, law, or the bible is the "word of God."

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The Holy Spirit came unto John. He didn't find a bible in the wilderness.

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Jesus is speaking of the Holy Spirit. Jesus gives life through the Spirit. Man cannot live by bread which satisfies the flesh. Man must also seek after the Spirit and live by the Spirit.

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Again, this is the Holy Spirit speaking. He wasn't reading a bible.

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Again, this is speaking of the Holy Spirit. It even says, "they were filled with the Holy Ghost and spake the word of God."

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This is speaking of Jesus. They were basically saying in this verse, "We should not stop preaching the word of God and serve people food at their tables."

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Holy Spirit. (Jesus is truth. There is no truth other than Jesus.)

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This is most certainly the Holy Spirit...."a discerner of thought and intent of the heart." How can a bible do that?

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I appreciate the encouragement. I have studied and prayed about this.

Blake

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/8/22 17:09

I call the bible the "SCRIPTURES" if you do a word search on this then you will see that the Bible calls instead Scriptures.

I know one translation that says: "Holy Scriptures"

Re: The bible is not "the Word" - posted by Joshua99 (), on: 2005/8/22 17:14

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I believe Krispy has it as clear as it can be said. Why are you having a conflict with the Word of God?

Re: - posted by saved_matt (), on: 2005/8/22 17:21

philologos

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from the previous posts by you that I've read I would be very interested if you could expand on this, not having a go, just willing to learn.

God bless

matt

Re: The bible is not the " Word " - posted by Kadmiel (), on: 2005/8/22 20:20

Krispy

Wow, excellent response! Talk about a fervent student of "God's Word"! It don't get more simple then what you wrote. A wesome!

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Re: - posted by Kadmiel (), on: 2005/8/22 20:25

Blake

Quote:

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Pray more till you get it right. :-)

Re: The bible is not "the Word" - posted by ellie, on: 2005/8/22 21:12

Hi,

I hope that the following, will be of help to you beenblake

The Bible, that is the written Word of the one true God. The word "Bible" means "the books." The Bible is one volume that consists of 66 separate books.

The word "Scripture" is also used to refer to God's Word. This word comes from a Latin word which means "writing." When the word "Scripture" is used with a capital "S" it means the sacred writings of the one true God. The word "Bible" is not used in the Bible. It is a word selected by men as a title for all of God's Words

The Bible is the written Word of God. He inspired the words in the Bible and used approximately 40 different men to write down His words. These men wrote over a period of 1500 years. The perfect agreement of these writers is one proof that they were all guided, by a single author. That author was God.

Hope this helps, to answer some of your questions.

ellie

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Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/22 22:07

Quote: "Pray more till you get it right."

The bible does not say anywhere that "scripture" or "Scripture" or is the word of God. If I am wrong, then show me and prove me wrong.

Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/22 22:22

Dear Ellie,

Thank you for sharing. That was informative. In addition, something to think about:

The bible is inspired by God. To say something is inspired by God and written by God are two different things.

For example, let's say that I need to write a letter to my dear friend Krispy. In order to do so, I call upon my secretary to write the letter. I tell her the message I wish to convey. My secretary then writes the letter using his own words.

The letter has been inspired by me. It also conveys the message I wish it to convey. However, it is not a word for word record from my mouth. I did not write the letter, however, it was inspired by me.

The bible was written by men and inspired by God. I do not disagree with this.

However, the bible was not written word for word by God. A message from God was embedded in the text. That message, however, has been documented by men. This means that the message of God is written in different ways. Different writers convey the same message in different ways (and in different languages).

With that said, this brings us even farther from calling the bible "God's Word." So why do we?

Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/22 22:30

Dear Joshua99,

I am not having a conflict with the Word of God.

Hebrews 4:12-13 (KJV)

12 For the word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are. 13 Nothing in all creation can hide from him. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes. This is the God to whom we must explain all that we have done.

The following verse says "him." It continues to say "This is the God..." Hebrews 4:12 is referring to the Holy Spirit when it says "the word of God".

The bible is very clear. Am I missing something?

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/8/22 23:31

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beenblake wrote:

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No one said God wrote the word I am sure we all agree on that, the prophets wrote it, but God spoke the words to be written they were his secretary so to speak, but it was Gods words so it would be the words of God this is what the Bible is the words of God it has never claimed to be anything else, I really don't understand why your having such a hard time understanding this. :-)

Re: The Word, on: 2005/8/23 0:55

Hi,

I think the more important question Blake, is do you feel the Scriptures that we now have are inerrant ?

Jesus requested that we follow Him, etc. etc. and Paul said, "to study to show thyself approved" "

Study what ? And how are we to know how to follow Jesus, without The Book.

We have to decide whether we "believe" the words in it.

If we feel it's not the Word of God or "Scripture" (same meaning), then what do we follow ?

If you want to search more on your own, type in " Inerrancy of Scripture " into your search engine or the History, of how God miraculously preserved His Words for thousands of years etc..

But most importantly, resolve the inerrancy issue in your mind first. Elsewise, from what other source can we learn about God and what He requires of us ?

Jesus used "Scripture", even to fight off Satan ... so what are we to use ?

Just one site you could look at, but I'd still recommend you do that Search engine search.

<http://www.ancientdays.net/JCreScripture.htm>

Go with God.

Annie

Re: The bible is not "the Word" - posted by letsgetbusy (), on: 2005/8/23 5:14

The Father speaks things into creation.

The Son is the Word that the Father has uttered.

The Holy Ghost is the living breath that carries the Word.

To understand why the Bible is the Word of God, you must understand that when the concepts given to us by God are spoken, the words spoken are literally spirit. Not just spiritual, but spirit. Those inspired words of Scripture are literally words of the Almighty God. Thus it is the Word of God. The Father is God, the Word is God, the Holy Ghost is God. When we preach the gospel, we are a vessel of the Holy Ghost, allowing the Word to move through us.

So my take is that it is one of those points that must be understood spiritually, not by man's reason. We don't win souls b

y putting words in a certain order, any heathen can do that. We win souls because the Word is being moved through us.

Re:, on: 2005/8/23 8:24

I believe God breathed every word of the Bible. The phrophets and the Apostles wrote exactly what God wanted to say... therefore the scriptures are the very words of God. It just isnt that hard to understand.

Krispy

Re: The Bible is the Word of God, on: 2005/8/23 8:40

Exodus 17:14

And the LORD said unto Moses, **Write this** for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utter ly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

Exodus 34:27

And the LORD said unto Moses, **Write thou these words:** for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.

Esther 8:8

Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse.

Jeremiah 30:2

Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, **Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.**

Habakkuk 2:2

And the LORD answered me, and said, **Write the vision,** and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

Revelation 1:19 **Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;**

Revelation 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, **Write,** Blessed the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Revelation 19:9

And he saith unto me, **Write,** Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Revelation 21:5

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, **Write: for these words are true and faithful.**

Beenblake,

Don't these verses kinda undermine the idea that God was only distantly involved in exactly what was being recorded in what we now call scripture?

You said you are willing to be convinced otherwise. Only the Holy Spirit can do this. When He does, will you say afterwards that you were 'inspired' by God to believe His word?

Or will you say 'God spoke to me by His Spirit?'

I wonder. Will you be as rigorous with yourself, intellectually, as you are pressing the contributors to this thread? ;-) I do hope so.

Here are 4 verses from the New Testament, which strongly (well, according to your own assessment of Jesus as the Word of God - with which, of course, I agree) connect Him to the Old Testament words from God, even though He was not yet Incarnate. He appears in the Old Testament often enough, for His presence there to be undeniable. I think you'll agree. What do you say?

Revelation 1:1, 2

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: **who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.***

Revelation 1:9

*I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for **the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.***

Revelation 12:17

*And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of **her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.***

Revelation 19:10

*And I fell at his feet to worship him. **And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.***

Re: The Bible is the Word of God, on: 2005/8/23 9:10

Lastly.

John 21

22 **Jesus saith** unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what to thee? **follow thou me.**

23 Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what to thee?

24 This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

25 And there are also many other **things which Jesus did**, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that **even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.** Amen.

Revelation 22

14 **Blessed they that do his commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without - dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

16 **I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify** unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

18 For **I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book,**

If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

and **if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life**, and out of the holy city, and the things which are written in this book.

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Anyone takes to themselves a fatal burden, by altering the written word(s) of God in any way.

Hebrews 12:9

Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. **Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?**

Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/23 17:48

This is the answer I have been waiting for:

letsgetbusy said it best: "We win souls because the Word is being moved through us."

The bible is just a book without the Spirit. It is text on a page. It says nothing and means nothing without the Spirit of God.

This is two fold. Yes, God used His Spirit to write the bible through humans. Additionally, the bible contains a message that cannot be understood by anyone who does not have the Spirit. And even of those who do, they will misinterpret the scripture if they seek to understand it by thier own knowledge, rather than seeking help from the Spirit. Only the Spirit can understand things of the Spirit.

The Word of God is not a book, it is the Spirit. God speaks through more than just the bible. For generations, even before the times of the bible, God has been speaking through humans. He has called prophets and servants. Some of these were told to write down thier prophecies and texts into a book we now call the bible.

Thus, the bible is not the only source of God's Word. He speaks through prophets, preachers, and humans of our day as well. For those who walk with the Spirit and who sacrifice thier will to God, He speaks through them as well.

Some of you have turned the bible into an idol. Some of you worship the bible as if it were God Himself. It is not. The bible is just a book. Some call the bible the Word of God in such a manner to elevate it's authority above Christ. Christ is supreme. Some of you try to read the bible and argue over the text without first seeking after the Spirit.

The Word of God is Christ, and the basis for all other things is upon Christ. As Christians, we are to place our trust and faith in Christ. We are followers of Christ our Lord. He is our Lord. By this, we should submit unto Him and seek after His counsel.

Some of you though, would rather trust men, knowledge, and academics. Some of you seek after truth by looking into history. Rather than turn to Christ in Heaven, you are seeking after your own logical reasoning of the scriptures. Rather than give into the Spirit, you seek to discern the bible for yourselves. You even teach by your own opinions and deny the power of the Spirit.

When you do this, you turn the bible into a book of law. You say, "This is what the bible says, and it cannot be any other way." You do not accept that your interpretation could be wrong. Rather, you use the bible to leverage your own desires. You turn it into law, and just like the Pharisees, you use it to promote your own ideas in order to benefit your own righteousness rather than trusting in Christ.

Seek after Christ and He will direct your path!!!

The bible is a tool for teaching and preaching. It bears a message that God will plant and spread throughout the world by means of His Spirit. The bible is not a book of law by which to judge or condemn the world. It does not bear laws that you can force on people.

Do you not know that Christ set us free from the law? He set us free from the bondage of the law so that we may worship God freely in love. He set us free so we would not "have" to follow the law of God, but rather, we would follow God's law out of love. For anyone who tries to turn the bible back into a book of law is foolish. They are seeking to return to a state of slavery and bondage. They are taking God's grace and giving it back to Him. Christ set us free so that we can love. Let us love each other in mercy, grace, forgiveness, and fellowship.

Do not be mistaken, the message the bible bears by the power of the Holy Spirit (the Word of God) is Holy. The bible bears the Word of God. The bible BEARS the Word of God. It is a testimony to Christ. It is not Christ. The bible is NOT GOD. It bears witness to Christ. The bible is not the Word, rather it bears testament to the Word.

The Holy Spirit is the Living Word of God. It is alive. It flows. The Spirit flows through the text of the bible into the hearts of believers. The bible does not just speak in one way. It speaks to different people in different ways. The bible cannot be used as a standard of law by which to judge others. God speaks to each person's heart in accord to His will. The Lord is our Lord and He directs His children in accord to His will.

What does this mean?

The Holy Spirit is without error. However, you and I, all of humanity is with error. We can misinterpret the bible. There are whole religions that have formed over misinterpretations of the bible that have misunderstood the message. It is vitally important that we humble ourselves before the Spirit and seek after Christ in all things. Before we read the bible, we should pray. We should always ask Christ to show us truth. Or else, the Devil will deceive us.

When we share scripture with others we should be humble. We should accept the possibility that we are wrong. Only Christ is right. Do not think you are right. Do not be so prideful to label someone else as false. How do you know you aren't misinterpreting the scripture? How do you know Christ is not trying to speak to you? Be open to what others have to say, and have a teachable Spirit. Is that not wise? Is that not what we should do?

The bible was written by humans. They are faulty. It was not written word for word from God. If it was, the bible would not exist in any other language or any other version. When God wrote out the ten commandments with His own fingers, they were Holy and preserved in the ark. The bible is not preserved in an ark. It is not sealed. The bible is written in many languages with many versions. There is no authoritative bible. The four gospels are in agreement, however, they are not exact. They are from four different witnesses to Christ.

God wants His children to walk in faith. He wants people to worship Him, and Him alone. Even the bible must be trusted in faith. We must first trust in Christ, then we can turn to the bible and learn of the Spirit as it stirs in us. All things come from Christ.

This is the message Christ laid on my heart to share with all of you. Let us turn to Christ and follow Him.

Blake

Re: - posted by ellie, on: 2005/8/23 18:37

Wo!!!

OK, You are telling us, to follow Jesus only and the Holy Spirit Only.

In that case, I would like to know, who gave you the authority to say this and all the against, the Bible things you have said.

I have read your written word. and now I am going also ask you:

Who are you.

What are you.

What Church or whatever, do you attend.

What exactly is the faith, that you are in.

I would need to know the answers to these questions, so that I would know where you are coming from in your Faith. As this might enable me to understand what you are saying and to look further at the things you have written.

ellie

Re: False doctrine - posted by Smokey (), on: 2005/8/23 19:31

WOW!!!!!!

It is astounding how many people are popping up on this site to let us all know just how theologically out to lunch we all are... WOW, thank you for helping getting my head back on straight beenblake. (This post is probably not inspired.) lol Greg ;-)

I just had to come back and add an edit: I have to suggest that you read 2 Timothy 3:15-17 (I know it likely has NO weight of authority with you) and pray for insight. If you do not look to the scripture for insight/wisdom, how do you know that the spirit you follow is holy? (1 John 4:1-3):-?

Re:, on: 2005/8/24 5:52

Hi blake,

Well, you had us going for a while, not knowing what you thought about The Bible.

I still ask, do you think it is Inerrant ? ... but I think you answered that, towards the end of your post. It appears you don't

I can't hit each paragraph, point for point, it's waaaay past my bedtime, but some points I must say are true and some are so dangerously wrong, that I'm taken back by them.

My favorite verse, that most everybody knows by now is John 16:13, and you alluded to that in parts of your post.

But, other parts have said, that we can depend on prophets, just as well as the Word,,, the Written Word I mean.

On that, I must say, NOPE, Not unless what they say is "tested" against the Scriptures.

The only reason people come up with their own interpretations, is because "THEY WANT TO".

That is what God has said, when HE defined "heresies" as "the opinion one has 'chosen' for themselves as in, their 'Choice' "

Or that they were not trained to do Contextual, exegetical, or hermeneutical study or just use "intellectual" understanding , rather than leaning on the Spirit of Truth, for Truth.

But God will never - ever say anything through any Prophet or other spokesman, that is "extra-biblical", or that contradicts the Scriptures.

That is where many of the latest & oldest cults got started, by some "prophet" who got a "New Revelation", that no one can find in the Word.

Jesus left us His Words, in that "Book" ... and don't lower its absolute necessity by saying "the Holy Spirit" is the Word of God ... because, NO, Jesus is/was The Logos.

The Holy Spirit is in us, to interpret the Word of God, IF-IF, we depend on Him whole-heartedly. But not to take the place of ... God forbid that you should imply such a thing ... or that it was "written only by faulty men".

You've gone a bit over board on the Holy Spirit here, and I'm sure many would be surprised that even I would say that, because I say John 16:13 so often.

I mean you no harm Blake, nor think your intentions are for evil, but the Holy Spirit's job, (for one), is to "lead us into ALL truth" ... but He does it BY the Word... never contradicting it.

A first hand experience with Christ, is necessary,,, I agree ... but even that experience, will give an even greater reverence for His Word.... The Scriptures, IF it indeed was an Experience with THE Christ. (There's plenty of "experiences & voices" out there, to deceive ... that's why God left a BOOK, to "TEST" these "experiences or 'words' " against THE WORD.

Yes, Jesus is The Word made flesh, He was the Word or Logos, before His incarnation and He will return to earth, being called The Word of God ... The Logos again... but He still left us a book, inspired by His Holy Spirit, through the pens of those that HE chose.

And lastly, I haven't seen one person on this forum, preaching "The Law", yet.

I pray the Lord refine your thinking on this subject, because you do have some positives in there, but the negatives blow those positives into the ocean.

If you 'do' listen to "Him", stay open to the relevance, absolute necessity, and Holiness of the Scriptures, as our only 'road-map', that the Holy Spirit was given to 'open' to us ... not replace it.

It 'will' be one of the Books, opened on Judgment Day, that we 'will' be judged by.

Praying for you in His Love.

Annie

Re:, on: 2005/8/24 6:33

Beenblake... one of the first posts you ever contributed to this forum was a public accusation against me, telling me that I was being judgemental.

Allow me to quote from your most recent post:

"Some of you have turned the bible into an idol. Some of you worship the bible as if it were God Himself. It is not. The bible is just a book. Some call the bible the Word of God in such a manner to elevate it's authority above Christ. Christ is supreme. Some of you try to read the bible and argue over the text without first seeking after the Spirit."

How do you know this? How is it that you are able to judge the hearts and motives of other men... especially those you've never met?

"Some of you though, would rather trust men, knowledge, and academics. Some of you seek after truth by looking into history. Rather than turn to Christ in Heaven, you are seeking after your own logical reasoning of the scriptures. Rather than give into the Spirit, you seek to discern the bible for yourselves. You even teach by your own opinions and deny the power of the Spirit."

Really? How do you know?

"You say, "This is what the bible says, and it cannot be any other way.""

You got me there... I do! (And dont look for an apology for it anytime soon)

"You do not accept that your interpretation could be wrong."

Speaking only for myself... I have admitted over and over that I can be wrong, and am open to being taught here.

"and just like the Pharisees, you use it to promote your own ideas in order to benefit your own righteousness rather than trusting in Christ."

You say this... but give no examples. I havent seen anyone doing this.

"We should accept the possibility that we are wrong."

This doesnt jive with the overall tone of your post.

"Do not be so prideful to label someone else as false."

You and I have been around this one before... and you do not believe ANYONE should ever be labeled as false. Rank heresy in the church doesnt seem to bother you... only people who stand up against it... like the Apostle Paul.

The bible was written by humans. They are faulty. It was not written word for word from God. If it was, the bible would not exist in any other language or any other version. When God wrote out the ten commandments with His own fingers, they were Holy and preserved in the ark. The bible is not preserve in an ark. It is not sealed. The bible is written in many languages with many versions. There is no authoritative bible. The four gospels are in agreement, however, they are not exact. They are from four different witnesses to Christ.

You should have just posted this paragraph and saved yourself the hand cramps from writing all the rest, because this is the crux of your post. You do not believe that the Bible inerrant. You do not trust the Bible. You do not believe that God has preserved His Word, as I believe He promised to do in Psalms.

If that's the truth... then let's all throw away our Bibles and have a group hug... sing We Are The World... and do whatever we want. After all, how can we know what God wants and expects from us?

Interesting to note that you use not ONE scripture to back your position. And I have noticed that in any discussions I have had with you you have NOT ONCE referred me to any scripture.

You come on here, accuse me of judging, and then write this post judging just about everyone on this site... and then declare that the Bible is full of faults and can not be trusted. I'll probably get in trouble for this... but you are being hypocritical.

Krispy

P.S. I will give you credit for the little bit of truth that was in your post. But that's how false **teachings** are... little bit of truth mixed with error. It's very deceptive.

Re:, on: 2005/8/24 8:30

By the way... you judged me publicly for daring to challenge Bruce Metzger's teachings. In your earlier post on this thread you said:

Quote:
-----The bible was written by humans. They are faulty. It was not written word for word from God. If it was, the bible would not exist in any other language or any other version. When God wrote out the ten commandments with His own fingers, they were Holy and preserved in the ark. The bible is not preserved in an ark. It is not sealed. The bible is written in many languages with many versions. There is no authoritative bible. The four gospels are in agreement, however, they are not exact. They are from four different witnesses to Christ.

This type of thinking, and this type of "theology" (if it can be called theology) is a product of adhering to Bruce Metzger's teachings on the Bible. This is **exactly** why I take such a strong stand against bibles that are based on the Alexandrian stream of Greek texts. If you follow it out to its logical conclusion... you end up with this mess. If you accept both the RT and the Alexandrian text, you eventually have to admit that you do not know what the real scriptures are, and you have to admit you can not logically trust either.

You have illustrated my point far better than I ever could.

Krispy

P.S. I was mistaken about one thing I said... you actually did refer us to ONE scripture: John 1:1. I will give you that.

Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/24 8:35

I have no authority. I am nothing. I am not even worth the words I write. I also have nothing to prove to any of you. I am not going to give my resume because you will judge me. That is what you seek to do.

The Lord gave me this message to write. He told me to tell it to all of you. There is nothing in it that contradicts scripture. Although some of you will argue this.

You do not understand because you choose not to understand. God is not the author of confusion. He does not deliver mixed messages. However, some of you read the bible as though you were the author. You read it and think you know exactly what God wrote and what He was trying to say.

I admit to you now that I do not know. I have much to learn myself, and if I have said anything wrong, then the Lord who

is my Lord will correct me. He will judge me accordingly for He is my judge. He alone.

However, I do not take credit for any of this. The Lord has a message for some person or people on here. I do not know who. I only pray that person or those people will open thier heart and listen.

God Bless

Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/24 9:04

Dear Annie Grannie,

I do not think we are in disagreement.

You are right in saying that God is not the author of confusion and always speaks in agreement. He would not guide one speaker such as the apostle Paul to say one thing, then guide another like a preacher of today to say another.

However, what we must realize is that there are two parts to this. First of all, the Holy Spirit delivers a message unto a man (or woman) to deliver. This person has free will and at any time may choose to deny God. If this was not true, then all preachers would speak exactly the same, with the exact words of God. However, we know that throughout history, men have preached different messages. The apostle Paul even corrected the apostle Peter who was filled with the Spirit. No man is perfect except for Christ.

Secondly, the Holy Spirit then must help a person to read and understand the message being delivered. When we read the bible, we can easily misinterpret it. God is not the author of confusion, however, just because we think we know what the bible says, does not mean we are wrong. Many times, people read bible verses out of context. They read just a line of scripture and then try to use that text to prove thier point. If I did this, I could prove anything.

I once had a woman tell me that her sins would be paid for with death, and that she didn't need grace, all because she read "for the wages of sin is death."

Do you see, then, that we must first be open to the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us as we read the bible? If we try to read it without Jesus, we could read anything we wish.

There people who read the bible and turn it into authority. Now, if we assume the bible is all authority, then we must obey it like a book of law. We must treat every command as a law. Paul said in Romans that we are to submit unto authority. We are to submit unto government. If this is true, then we should never rebel against any authority. We should never protest.

Do you think men like Luther and Tyndale who protested against the authority of the Catholic Church would have accepted this?

If the bible is the authoritative "Word of God" as so described, then Tyndale and Luther were hypocrites and anyone who follows them would be hypocrites too. However, we know this is NOT true.

We know the Holy Spirit lead these men to translate the bible so that we may all read the bible. At the time, the bible was so revered, they would not translate it into another language. When Luther and Tyndale translated the bible, they "altered" the words, and were judged because of it.

Back then, people turned the Church into the supreme authority. They gave it more authority than the Spirit. People today are doing the same with the bible. They are trusting more in thier own interpretation of the bible than they are in Jesus.

God wants us to walk in faith. We must trust in Jesus. He directs us to His spoken word that flows through the Spirit.

I am not saying we reject the bible or it's teachings. However, we have no place to give our own interpretation of the scriptures more authority than Christ.

Re:, on: 2005/8/24 9:07

Quote:
-----I have no authority. I am nothing. I am not even worth the words I write. I also have nothing to prove to any of you. I am not going to give my resume because you will judge me. That is what you seek to do.

Do you not see that you are judging us? How do you know what we want or dont want to do?

Quote:
-----The Lord gave me this message to write. He told me to tell it to all of you. There is nothing in it that contradicts scripture. Although some of you will argue this.

There is plenty that you wrote that contradicts scripture.

Quote:
-----You do not understand because you choose not to understand.

You're judging us again... how do you know we choose not to understand? Maybe we understand all too well.

Quote:
-----God is not the author of confusion. He does not deliver mixed messages.

Then your message couldnt be from God because your posts are confusing, and the message is mixed.

Quote:
-----However, some of you read the bible as though you were the author. You read it and think you know exactly what God wrote and what He was trying to say.

You're judging again. Most of us here stick to judging teachings and doctrine... you're judging motives and the heart.

Quote:
-----I admit to you now that I do not know. I have much to learn myself, and if I have said anything wrong, then the Lord who is my Lord will correct me. He will judge me accordingly for He is my judge. He alone.

Perhaps it's time for you to be quiet and learn from those on this site who have been walking with the Lord for years and years, and have a lot of wisdom to share. You've just arrived here at SI and set yourself up as a messenger from God to straighten us all out. Instead... humble yourself and take advantage of the great teaching and wisdom this site has to offer. You seem to enjoy being the "lone prophet", the "voice of one crying in the wilderness"... and the great trap of that is: Pride. Be careful you dont fall into the trap.

Quote:
-----However, I do not take credit for any of this. The Lord has a message for some person or people on here. I do not know who. I only pray that person or those people will open thier heart and listen.

Perhaps... just maybe... the message is for you. For him who has ears to hear, let him hear.

Krispy

Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/24 9:33

My dear Krispy,

"If that's the truth... then let's all throw away our Bibles and have a group hug... sing We Are The World... and do whatever we want. After all, how can we know what God wants and expects from us?"

Christ set us free from the law. We do not "have" to obey it. We are not forced into obeying the law. In fact, God's grace is sufficient to save any sinner no matter what the sins. He saved the apostle Paul who murdered Christians, did He not?

Even after Paul was saved, He still sinned. Paul admitted to a thorn in his side. However, God said to Paul His grace is sufficient.

You see, if you think we "have" to obey the law of God, then you missed the whole point of grace. God's grace was made available so that we could obey the law with pure hearts out of love.

At first, the law was given. We were forced to obey it. If we didn't obey the law, we did not have life. We were forced to love God. Our love was based upon rewards. It is like this, if you do what God says and do what is good, you go to Heaven. If you don't, you go to Hell. This sort of thinking says you are saved by works, by what you can do for God, rather than what God can do for you.

However, Jesus died to set us free from the law. He died to give us grace. By this, our goal is not to seek reward. We do not do good things to get into Heaven. We don't follow the law to get blessings from the Lord. That is not true love.

True love comes when we willingly give our best without seeking anything in return. True love comes when we say to God, "Whether I go to Heaven or Hell, I still love you." True love says, "Lord, I want to obey your law because I love you."

When Jesus died, He made this possible. He gave us grace. He said, that we don't have to follow the law to get to Heaven. Anyone who believes in Him may have everlasting life. Anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. By this, we are free to love God with a pure heart, with true love.

This is what God wants from us. He wants a relationship based on true love and not on obligation. This means that when we obey the law of God, we do so not because we are seeking a ticket into Heaven, but because we honestly love God. We do it out of love, and not out of obligation or reward.

Now, do not mistake what I am saying. I am not saying we should go out and sin. That is talk of the Devil.

However, if you go out and tell someone, "Obey God's commands or else you are going to Hell," or when you tell a person, "Do good or you will be judged." Then what you are doing is telling that person they "have" to obey God or else. You are removing love.

Jesus died to put an end to this. He died to set us free from the law. He did so that we may love God with pure hearts.

In doing so, Jesus also sent us help. He knew we couldn't follow the law on our own. Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit to help us. And so, if we are truly saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, we will not seek to sin. We will sin, yes. However, we will not seek to sin.

Additionally, we will conquer sin with the help of Christ. He will be our strength to overcome sin. God makes us good by transforming us into new creatures. If we try to be good and follow the law by our own power, we will fail. We cannot. Only God is good. Only God can live up to His own law. And so, we need God to help us to be good and not sin.

What all this means is that if someone is truly filled with the Spirit, even though they know God will forgive them for their sins, they will not go out and seek to sin. They will not because they truly love God and they do not seek to hurt Him. Thi

s is made possible by the power of the Holy Spirit.

However, if someone does not sin on thier own, if someone does not sin just because they are trying to seek rewards, God is thier judge. He knows what is truly in thier heart. He knows they are being selfish.

If you would like me to pair this up with scripture, I will show you. I do not include scripture, however, because I know you have read the bible. In addition, whether I say it or you read it out of the bible, you will not discern truth in either, unless you are open to the Holy Spirit.

I can only deliver the message. Whether or not it will take root and grow, can only come from God.

God Bless.

Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2005/8/24 9:36

Quote:
----- The bible cannot be used as a standard of law by which to judge others. God speaks to each person's heart in accord to His will. The Lord is our Lord and He directs His children in accord to His will.

If we follow this line of thought to its conclusion then every man becomes a law unto himself, doing what is right in his own eyes. There must be a standard of truth, we must search the Scriptures daily to see if these things be so.

In Christ,

Ron

Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/24 9:45

Dear Ron,

"If we follow this line of thought to its conclusion then every man becomes a law unto himself, doing what is right in his own eyes. "

What you say would be true if there was no such thing as the Holy Spirit. However, we are followers of Christ and He speaks to us all in our heart.

There is a standard of truth. Jesus said, "I am the truth." He is the standard.

Re:, on: 2005/8/24 9:50

Quote:
-----However, if you go out and tell someone, "Obey God's commands or else you are going to Hell," or when you tell a person, "Do good or you will be judged." Then what you are doing is telling that person they "have" to obey God or else. You are removing love.

I could quote your whole post, but this paragraph sums up what you were saying to me. And guess what... I agree. This is not what I am taking exception with.

Quote me from any of my over 1200 posts where I have even suggested that I think this way.

The difference between you and I is this... you came on this forum a week or so ago and proceeded to tell us all where we are wrong, and that we shouldn't be doing this or that.

I come on here and pretty much answer questions. I do take a strong stand on certain issues, but usually my posts are in response to people asking other what they think about certain things. The recent divorce thread is an excellent example. The general question was what does the Bible teach about divorce and re-marriage for believers. It evolved into a dis

discussion about whether or not divorced believers can be in church leadership.

We all went to see what God's Word says... we weren't judging anyone. We were answering questions.

I have never once suggested that I am sinless. I have NEVER once suggested that "if you don't do this, you're going to hell!" That's foolish of you to even suggest that because you have no basis for such a slanderous statement toward me. I never said it, never implied it, and certainly don't believe that.

I would recommend... as I have several times... that you spend some time browsing the hundreds of threads on this site and get to know the history behind the conversations, get to know the people who post here, and understand the overall spirit of this site. You say you have, but in all honesty... I don't believe you.

You are not a prophet.

Krispy

Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2005/8/24 10:01

Quote:
-----What you say would be true if there was no such thing as the Holy Spirit. However, we are followers of Christ and He speaks to us all in our heart.

The problem is that our hearts are deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. We tend to hear what we want to hear and call it the leading of the Spirit.

In Christ,

Ron

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/8/24 10:28

"Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains. "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Without a love for truth and a mental storehouse filled with God's Word, people cannot discern error. Many are drawn to the self-focused empowerment of goddess-philosophy

God's Word gives us the antidote to Satanic deception, as stated in II Timothy 3:16, 17, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine (as the antidote to the false Christs), for reproof and correction (as the antidote to the rationalization of sin), and for instruction in righteousness (as the antidote to humanistic philosophies), that the child of God may be brought to maturity, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Re:, on: 2005/8/24 10:59

Excellent word Bill... couldnt agree more.

Krispy

Re: MrBillPro on 2005/8/24 15:28:31 - posted by ellie, on: 2005/8/24 11:29

Quote:

Without a love for truth and a mental storehouse filled with God's Word, people cannot discern error. Many are drawn to the self-focused empowerment of goddess-philosophy

Thankyou for the above MrBillPro.

The Holy Spirit moved within me when I read the above as true. You have put into words that which I feel, about things that I have read that are in error on this Posting.

I have to say that I have felt that it has seemed to be like, near blasphemy of God and Gods Word.

I pray almighty God, for your Mercy and Grace upon any errors. Amen

ellie

Re:, on: 2005/8/24 11:51

Quote:

-----I have to say that I have felt that it has seemed to be like, near blasphemy of God and Gods Word.

Pretty close!

*Psa 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: **for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.***

God seems to hold a pretty high opinion of His Word... and when **we** dont, He is not lifted up.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Kadmiel (), on: 2005/8/24 11:52

Blake,

After reading all of your post i must say that i sense in my spirit that you are not "real" or truly Born Again. Your very humanistic and carnally minded in the ways and truths of God's word. You approach everthing witht the flesh even tho you say its with the Holy Spirit. I don't believe you. You may perhaps be Jehovah Witness or Morman or some other sect. At any rate. I wish you would stop.

Krispy has continuously like others in love to help and explain as much as they possibly can but you just don't or won't except the truth but that of your "own" interpretation of truth.

I hope everyone will forgive me for speaking out like this.

:-(

Re:, on: 2005/8/24 12:22

Quote:

-----I hope everyone will forgive me for speaking out like this.

No forgiveness needed... My posts have been rather strong on this thread. I think when error comes into the camp thinly camo'd as truth it needs to be dealt with strongly. Not in a hateful way, for I do not hate Blake. Love is recognizing error and not allowing it to proceed beyond the doorstep.

Krispy

Re: - posted by saved_matt (), on: 2005/8/24 12:26

phew.... dont really want to weigh in on this heated debate but to quote Acts 15:7a **And when there had been much disputing**, well if they did it why not us?

beenblake,

Quote:

-----Jesus said, "I am the truth."

is that a quote from an fallible book written by a fallen man (John), maybe Jesus said 'I am a way, a truth and a life'

I'm wondering how you can say you have no authority, (thus you say the Bible is not authorative) and then quote it to the people here as authorative ?

after all Jesus believed the Bible was authorative even to the point of being subject to it's teachings

Quote:

-----Jesus obeyed the Word of God, not man. He was subject to it. If some leaders' view of inspiration were true, Jesus was subject to an errant, rather casually thrown-together 'Word of Man.' Jesus would have been subject, then, to the will of man, not the will of God. However, in all the details of His acts of redemption, Jesus was subject to Scripture as God's Word. He obeyed it. It was His authority, the rule by which He lived. He came to do God's will, not His own, and not man's. Note how all of His life He did things because they were written—as if God had directly commanded. He fulfilled Old Testament prophecies about Himself. The passages are found all over the Old Testament. We cite here only a very few quoted in the New Testament: Matthew 11:10; 26:24, 53-56; Mark 9:12, 13; Luke 4:17-21; 18:31-33; 22:37; 24:44-47. He Himself is the Word of God. All the words from His lips were the Word of God. (John 3:34). If He had desired, He could have written a new set of rules and they would have been the Word of God. But, He did not. He followed without question the Bible already penned by men. This is the sensible thing for every believer to do. May all who read this adopt Jesus' attitude and become subject both to Him as Living Word (living Torah) and to the Bible as the infallible, written Word of God.

full article available here (<http://www.answersingenesis.org/docs2004/0406scripture.asp>) Jesus Christ on the infallibility of Scripture

matt

Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/24 12:59

Quote: "Psa 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

God seems to hold a pretty high opinion of His Word... and when we dont, He is not lifted up."

Dear Krispy,

What you say makes perfect sense if God's Word is Jesus. However, since you disagree with this, what is greater: Christ or God's Word?

Re:, on: 2005/8/24 13:11

No, I'm not gonna play a game of semantics with you. You refuse to bolster your arguments with scripture. Scripture is all I have to stand on, and you reject it. So there is nothing more to discuss.

Every discussion I have had with you in your **short** time here, both privately and publicly, has been nothing but you playing word games. I dont have time for that.

You've not answered a single question I asked of you... why should I respond to yours?

I'm not sure where you got your twisted view of things, but I have added you to my prayer list.

Krispy

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/8/24 13:24

Quote:

KrispyKrittr wrote:

I'm not sure where you got your twisted view of things, but I have added you to my prayer list.

Krispy

There you go! As McCloud would say. ;-)

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/8/24 13:27

Quote:

beenblake wrote:

Dear Krispy,

what is greater: Christ or God's Word?

beenblake, which is greater to you your heart or your mind? Me personally I could not live with out either. :-?

Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/24 13:52

Many are misunderstanding what I am saying. I am going to simplify this as much as I can.

The bible is book with words inside. Those words have no authority without Christ.

An athiest can read a bible and it says nothing to them, and means nothing to them, because they do not have God. The bible has no power. To them, it is just a book, and many would say it is a poorly written book.

If the bible had power and authority, then an athiest would instantly be convicted of thier sin the minute they read a bible.

They would instantly be saved just by reading one word.

What gives the bible power and authority is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit filled humans who then in turn wrote what God directed them. This process was not a word for word process. It could not have been. God did not sit there and dictate word for word to Paul what to write as He wrote all the letters in the new testament. (By the way, the new testament was n't complete when Paul wrote that scripture in Timothy about the scriptures. He was speaking of the Old testament.)

It is important that the bible was written by humans. The bible is a testimony to Jesus. How can God be a testament to Himself? Think of court room with a witness. What kind of defense would someone have if they were the only person to take the stand?

Rather, there are four gospels that testify to Jesus. They were written by humans. They were intentionally written by humans so as to provide a testament of Christ. (Notice that Jesus did not write any book in the bible Himself. This is why.)

If God wanted to write an infallible law, then He would have written it Himself. He did so with the ten commandments. He wrote them with His own finger. The stones they were written on were held Holy and sacred. They were preserved in the ark. God did not preserve the bible in its original form. In fact, we do not even have one, not one single original document of the bible. We do not have one single original letter Paul wrote, in his own hand, with his own ink. We have copies.

This is significant. This is important. God did this intentionally. He wanted people to follow Him by faith.

You must first have faith in Jesus, then the bible really begins to talk. People don't get saved by reading the bible to them. They get saved by Jesus Christ. It is the Holy Spirit who convicts a person of their sin. Not the bible.

You can read the bible all day everyday to a person for the rest of their life. Unless they believe in Christ, they will not be saved.

Likewise, the bible takes the same faith. You must first have faith in Christ, then you can have faith in the bible. It is not the bible that speaks, teaches, counsels, and corrects a person, it is Jesus.

When a Christian, who is filled with the Holy Spirit, reads the bible, the words become powerful to that person because the Holy Spirit inside of them stirs. Christ who is abiding in their heart speaks to them through the words in the scriptures.

Even so, Christians have free will. That is why even Christians still commit sins. God cannot speak to them through the bible, or any other way, unless that person opens their heart to listen. God cannot transform a person into a new creation unless that person lets God. Even if you are Christian, you still need to learn and grow. No matter what age, or how long you have been Christian, or how smart you are, or how faithful you are, you still have room to grow.

Even I have much room to grow. I have listened to everything being said and have taken it all to heart. I have prayed over everything that people have said, and asked Jesus what I should do. I do not enjoy being judged or persecuted by all of you, but I do it for Christ. He has been leading me.

Please do not mistake my words. I am not saying we should throw the bible out the window. I am not saying the bible is corrupt and we should dismiss it. I am not saying the bible is wrong and false.

This is what I am saying: Christ is Lord. Christ is the authority. Jesus is truth. He is the judge. He is king. He is sovereign. He is God.

The bible is not God. It bears witness to Jesus Christ. The bible is good for teaching, correcting, and instructing. It is not a tool for judging others, or condemning people, or for forcing people into belief. The bible bears no authority, and when you say it does, you are stripping authority from Christ. The bible is just a book. All authority has been given to Christ.

Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/24 13:56

Dear Krispy,

I have not rejected scripture. I have rejected any other interpretation of scripture that differs from the Word of God (which is the Holy Spirit).

In love,
Blake

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/8/24 14:05

Quote:

beenblake wrote:
Many are misunderstanding what I am saying. I am going to simplify this as much as I can.

The bible is book with words inside. Those words have no authority without Christ.

The bible is not God.

Let me correct you a tad:
The bible is book with living words inside.

The bible is not God.
How would you even know who God is without the Bible?

I understand were your coming from if your saying the Bible is not the physical God, I can agree with you there.

Re:, on: 2005/8/24 14:06

Quote:
-----I have not rejected scripture. I have rejected any other interpretation of scripture that differs from the Word of God (which is the Holy Spirit).

In the words of Steve Erwin... "Crikey!"

Krispy

Re:, on: 2005/8/24 14:08

Hi again Blake,

I was going to wait till tonite, or until all the men had their say, cuz in the Bible, it's not "lady's first", it's men first. ;-)

Anyhow, well, I wanted to comment now, because this post you just did, "Quote: "Psa 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." sort of undoes some of what you are 'trying' to say.

God has magnified His word above His Name, but you've got to understand how David felt about "God's word" at the time, David didn't know "Jesus" yet, but spoke of "Thy Word" as the written Word ... like in Ps. 119. Please read that Psalm through slowly.

Just a few verses from it

Psa 119:89 Forever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

Psa 119:152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them forever.

Psa 119:160 Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth forever.

Jesus said the same, Mat 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

And when Jesus prayed to The Father in John 17:14 I have given them thy word ...

Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

And 1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

And the "thy/the word" that Jesus, David, Peter, etc. spoke of, is that which has been preserved in our Bibles.

I know it's been "misused" as you say, and has not been 'presented' in "Spirit", but still we must be very careful to see, that His words - Scripture, He even puts above His Name... as your verse says.

If you have a Bible program, with a Search engine, type in "Thy word", and then "My Word", etc. ... Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed.

I know what you are saying about the role of the Holy Spirit, as I posted earlier ... but I pray you just seek a little further on how JESUS Himself, feels about Scripture.

You can't know the Jesus of the Bible, until you know Jesus from the Bible. And yes, only the Holy Spirit can reveal THE "truth". Because His Words, are "spiritually discerned", not intellectually.

But to over-emphasis, either one ... Spirit or Truth, makes either neither.

All Spirit, without The Truth of His written Word, is not in 'Spirit', because The Spirit, will only "testify to that Truth".

And all Truth, without The Spirit, is not Truth, because His Word is Spirit.

That may be the point that you are stuck on and can't see that this is a "both/and" thing with God and His Words.

Here is an example of the "both/and" of proper Apologetics - 1Jo 3:24 {Both} And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. {And} And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

Read Jesus' prayer to The Father in the whole of chpt. 17 of John.

In part

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

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If you read really carefully, God/Jesus/The Holy Spirit {the Trinity} Hold the written Scripture as equal to The Word of God.

Be open that "we see in part and we know in part", because we "don't know as we should" and "see through a mirror darkly, and 1Co 8:2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

I've been to hell and back again Blake, as I tried to say this morning on the Art Katz thread, yet the longer I know HIM, the more I see what I don't know.

After 30 yrs of this walk with HIM, and giving my all to "know" Him ... all I know now is what Paul has already said ...

Phi 3:7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

Phi 3:8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

Phi 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Phi 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

Phi 3:11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Phi 3:12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

Phi 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

Phi 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Phi 3:15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

Be open to what His Written Word says, from cover to cover and don't look at what others do to or with His Words. 2Co 10:12 - 1Co 2:13.

Love in Christ.

Annie

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/8/24 14:12

Go granny, go granny, go granny go Got a pretty little flower bed of white gardenias Go granny, go granny, go granny go . :-P

Re:, on: 2005/8/24 14:13

Quote:

-----I do not enjoy being judged or persecuted by all of you, but I do it for Christ.

You dont have any idea what persecution is. You are NOT being persecuted here. You are not being judged... your words are.

Quote:

-----I am not saying the bible is wrong and false.

uhmmm... yea you did. Remember? You said this:

Quote:
-----The bible was written by humans. They are faulty. It was not written word for word from God. If it was, the bible would not exist in any other language or any other version. When God wrote out the ten commandments with His own fingers, they were Holy and preserved in the ark. The bible is not preserved in an ark. It is not sealed. The bible is written in many languages with many versions. There is no authoritative bible. The four gospels are in agreement, however, they are not exact. They are from four different witnesses to Christ.

I thought you said you were going to simplify things for us... when will that be taking place? I don't want to miss it.

Krispy

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/8/24 14:26

beenblake you started this thread with this
The bible is not "the Word"

So the Bible is not the word? so what is it?

I just know the mods are ready to hit the lock button at any time on this thread, but please don't do it right after I post, it might make it look like my post was the last straw. :-P

Re:, on: 2005/8/24 15:51

Well... I think I'm done here. After awhile it becomes an exercise in futility. We have to be careful where we cast our pearls. I've said all I know to say about this whole misguided concept. Nothin' more to add.

Shakin' the dust off... as **God's Word** tells us to.

Krispy

Re: Is this a pattern - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2005/8/24 16:08

I was struck by this post...
KrispyKrittr wrote:

Quote:
-----I have no authority. I am nothing. I am not even worth the words I write. I also have nothing to prove to any of you. I am not going to give my resume because you will judge me. That is what you seek to do.

Do you not see that you are judging us? How do you know what we want or don't want to do?

Quote:
-----The Lord gave me this message to write. He told me to tell it to all of you. There is nothing in it that contradicts scripture. Although some of you will argue this.

There is plenty that you wrote that contradicts scripture.

Quote:
-----You do not understand because you choose not to understand.

You're judging us again... how do you know we choose not to understand? Maybe we understand all too well.

Quote:

-----God is not the author of confusion. He does not deliver mixed messages.

Then your message couldnt be from God because your posts are confusing, and the message is mixed.

Quote:

-----However, some of you read the bible as though you were the author. You read it and think you know exactly what God wrote and what He was trying to say.

You're judging again. Most of us here stick to judging teachings and doctrine... you're judging motives and the heart.

Quote:

-----I admit to you now that I do not know. I have much to learn myself, and if I have said anything wrong, then the Lord who is my Lord will correct me. He will judge me accordingly for He is my judge. He alone.

Perhaps it's time for you to be quiet and learn from those on this site who have been walking with the Lord for years and years, and have a lot of wisdom to share. You've just arrived here at SI and set yourself up as a messenger from God to straighten us all out. Instead... humble yourself and take advantage of the great teaching and wisdom this site has to offer. You seem to enjoy being the "lone prophet", the "voice of one crying in the wilderness"... and the great trap of that is: Pride. Be careful you dont fall into the trap.

Quote:

-----However, I do not take credit for any of this. The Lord has a message for some person or people on here. I do not know who. I only pray that person or those people will open thier heart and listen.

Perhaps... just maybe... the message is for you. For him who has ears to hear, let him hear.

KrispyAnd this conversation..

John 8

The Validity of Jesus' Testimony

12When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

13The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

14Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. 15You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. 16But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. 17In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid. 18I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."

19Then they asked him, "Where is your father?"

"You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." 20He spoke these words while teaching in the temple area near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his time had not yet come.

21Once more Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go,

you cannot come."

22This made the Jews ask, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, 'Where I go, you cannot come'?"

23But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins."

25"Who are you?" they asked.

"Just what I have been claiming all along," Jesus replied. 26"I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from him I tell the world."

27They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father. 28So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. 29The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him." 30 Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him.

The Children of Abraham

31To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

33They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

34Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. 37I know you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word. 38I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you do what you have heard from your father."

39"Abraham is our father," they answered.

"If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did. 40As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. 41You are doing the things your own father does."

"We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself."

The Children of the Devil

42Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. 43Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! 46Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? 47He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

The Claims of Jesus About Himself

48The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?"

49"I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. 50I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. 51I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

52At this the Jews exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death. 53Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?"

54Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. 55Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep his word. 56Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."

57 "You are not yet fifty years old," the Jews said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!"

58 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" 59 At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

Seems like the Pharisees in Jesus' day quite upset with him claiming something that didn't fit into their paradigm of biblical interpretation.

Re:, on: 2005/8/24 16:15

Point Zeke?

Krispy

Re: - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2005/8/24 16:29

Quote:

KrispyKrittr wrote:

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Shakin' the dust off... as **God's Word** tells us to.

Krispy

You must have been lured out of retirement.

If you see no point then, that's fine. Let's move on.

Re: - posted by inotof (), on: 2005/8/24 16:39

I read through almost all the pages on this and I think it is silly. Whether or not the Bible is called the "Word of God" or that holy writ is referred to as the word of God, what does it really matter, the earth is the Lord and the fullness thereof, God owns all--even language--hate to seem so simple here, but the word OF God, i.e. belonging to God--hence it makes even the "inspired thought" God's intellectual property. Best to stay off of silly rabbit trails that cause offense and waste time. If it is not EDIFYING, then why is it coming out of a child of God's mouth? oops! is child OF God descriptive of us or is it phrased some other way? (tongue firmly in cheek) God's Best to you!

Re:, on: 2005/8/24 16:44

1Ti 1:3-4 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

In my estimation... this is about where we're at with this.

Krispy

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/8/24 17:00

Quick could someone please grab that stick out of the barrel this is getting stinky. :-P

Re:, on: 2005/8/24 17:18

Aw come on youse guys ... someone asked what the point of all of these pages were.

I think ALL things work together for the good, to work us into the Image of Christ Rom 8:28,29.

And this verse comes to mind ...

Gal 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

'LOVE' y'all.

big mouth Annie ;-)

Re: - posted by PassingThru, on: 2005/8/24 17:30

Blake

Drawing on your analogy of the secretary...

Quote:

For example, let's say that I need to write a letter to my dear friend Krispy. In order to do so, I call upon my secretary to write the letter. I tell her the message I wish to convey. My secretary then writes the letter using his own words.

... although the exact wording may be chosen by the secretary, in the same way a translator has can choose between different wordings in a translation, the Word itself still belongs to the originator.

A secretary isn't expected to add, nor take from the meaning of the message - hence the curse at the end of the book of Revelations. The message is fully endorsed by the secretary's employer as his being own. If it wasn't, the function of a secretary, a translator, or prophet for that matter would be pointless.

What would be the point of sending the letter at all if it was considered corrupt because a secretary typed it out? Why would God have bothered to inspire prophets if the message conveyed by them was corrupted in the process?

Another problem with discarding the authority of the Bible, is that you are left without a fixed reference point. Your answer may be that your reference point is "whatever the Holy Spirit tells me". If you have just discarded the Bible's authority based on the possibility of human failure, how can you be so sure of your own spiritual hearing?

Contrary to what eastern religions may teach, there is such a thing as an absolute truth. Anything which isn't based on some fixed references, guidelines and the limitations they impose, can never be, nor become strong.

At this point you may ask "what are God's limitations?". God cannot do anything contrary to his nature. He cannot break his promises for example.

PassingThru

Re: The bible is not "the Word" - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2005/8/24 17:31

Sir, I did not read the entire thread, so please excuse me if someone has asked this question....why are you asking this question? Are you trying to worm your way around something the Scriptures is asking you to do but do not want to do it ?

Just wondering...seems a little odd to me that a Christian would post this question unless he is a new one.

ginnyrose

Re: beenblake - posted by ellie, on: 2005/8/24 17:46

Hi beanblake,

Did you ever come on here, as a member under the name of Logic, or one of his friends?

ellie

Re: Huh? - posted by inotof (), on: 2005/8/24 17:59

Quote:

-----Quick could someone please grab that stick out of the barrel this is getting stinky.

surely you're not referring to me are you? ;)

Re: - posted by inotof (), on: 2005/8/24 18:00

Quote:

-----Did you ever come on here, as a member under the name of Logic, or one of his friends?

that's funny :-P

Re:, on: 2005/8/24 18:02

ginnyrose, I guess you would have to read the whole thread to get the gist of what this person is saying.

He's talking to Blake, about The Word of God, and that's it's NOT corrupt and it is trustworthy.

Passingthru is trying to show Blake

Quote:

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That's what all the guys have been posting to Blake, but in different ways ... that's all.

Love to you.
Annie

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Ellie, I doubt that's Logic, because I know of Logic's Pastor, a very good and sound man ... and I doubt that Logic would talk that way.

I think Blake is just Blake.

And I think that, maybe, like the rest of us ... Blake just needs some time, to sort things out.

Pray one for another, makes sense to me right now.

Love you Ellie.

Annie

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2005/8/24 18:09**

Annie,

This is the question that was originally posted:

The bible is not "the Word"

Why is the bible called, the "Word of God" or "God's Word"? Where in the bible does it say that scripture is the word of God?

This is the sentiment I was referring to. It has been my experience that when one is apostasizing, the first thing they do is to discredit the word of God! This is why I asked the question....

And know from reading the threads many will go off on rabbit trails....

Thanks for posting, Annie.  
ginnyrose

**Re: OOPS !, on: 2005/8/24 18:18**

Oh, I'm sorry ginnyrose ,, I thought ya meant "passingthru's" post.

I guess after 7 pages, we're all getting a little post drunk here. (well, look at inotof there. He's loosin' it ~ ha !)

I don't know if it's rabbit trailed ... I reckon it may have gotten Hay-Wired though.

Thanks for correcting my ignorance.

I'm REALLY OPEN to that :-D . Need all the help I can get lately.

Love again.

Annie

And who knows ... maybe Ellie's right too :-).

**Re: false doctrin - posted by Smokey (), on: 2005/8/24 20:01**

beenblake

It was asked earlier in this thread, and you ignored the question, so I will ask you again.. What is you faith associatio n ???

Greg :-o

**Re: The bible is not "the Word", on: 2005/8/25 0:31**

Blake, Thank you for stepping outside tradition, very few have tried and many have failed.

The bible is a collection of the spoken words of God and a revelation of the Word who became flesh.

The bible is not the word of God, tho my contemporaries will disagree.

The bible is constantly being written, because God has not ceased from speaking, thus the word of God is still in product ion.

I thank God that the New Testement saints only had the Old Testement for their reference, for when the New Testement was written, no doubt there was much dispute as the validity of them being, "the word of God".

My traditionalist friends will pull out their verses, "that if anyone adds or takes away....."

Blah blah blah blah blah blah

"Let us move unto perfection, not laying again the foundation....."

If the foundation is laid, why continue on laying another and another and another. Sunday after Sunday, the same found ation is being laid for the church, they have the building material, but they stand around like city workers, contantly beaut ifying the foundation, water baptism, repentance, Jesus name, Trinity, etc..and to top it all fighting over which bible trans ation to use.

If you fall in love with Jesus and He makes you His own, while you are reading the NIV, who are we to question and stan d before God and accuse our new brother saying, "but LORD he doesn't read the right bible, the KJV is your bible", and t he LORD will say unto you, "But I love him and he has a perfect heart towards me, leave him alone, come follow me."

Karl

**Re:, on: 2005/8/25 1:18**

Blake wrote:

Quote:  
-----The bible is not God. It bears witness to Jesus Christ. The bible is good for teaching, correcting, and instructing. It is not a tool for ju dging others, or condemning people, or for forcing people into belief. The bible bears no authority, and when you say it does, you are stripping authorit y from Christ. The bible is just a book. All authority has been given to Christ.  
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Very good reading, loved your rebuttal.

You had wrote, "the bible is not God".

There are far too many people that consider the King James Version to be thier God. No, they deny that it is thier God, b ut in action, it is! It is sad, but I have found those who do not read it are condemned to hell by KJV activists.

I came into a relationship with the LORD Jesus thru the Living Bible. Thru heart wrenching repentance the Holy Spirit us ed that bible to reach me.

Today, I read the KJV, it's my prefered version, but I am not restricted to it's use, I can use many, but I like it's rendering, I sometimes confer to the Lamsa translation.

When I was ultra religious, I would condemn anyone who was reading anything other than the KJV, until I was brought back to my own experience on how the LORD brought me into His love thru the Spirit by reading the Living Bible.

I quickly abandoned that notion, and I forbade no one, lest I interfere into something that the Holy Spirit is doing. If I introduced the KJV into a tender moment of what the LORD is doing, I might make things worse for that person, the harshness of the wording of the KJV might cause the reader to wither away trying to read English that was meant for those 500 years ago.

By the way, I have a wonderful old book of sermons that is on the cross dating back to 1762. The text is difficult to read at first, for example the preacher writes, "I fleep the fleep of death".

The F was used as an S, the English language was still in development. If you removed your teeth, you could read this with no problem.

The S was used only to pluralize something like, "fleeps = sleeps"

When I first opened the well-tight volume, I thought it was a book of Latin, until I looked into it further.

Having said that, the original version was even worse than this 1762 book that I have. The KJV was revised and some books were removed, updating the English to modern times in that day it was revised. If they revised it then and those who hold to it as the word of God, then what's wrong in revising it again for this generation? English will evolve into another language one day and the Bible will have to be translated again.

Karl

**Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/8/25 4:40**

Quote:

-----Blake, Thank you for stepping outside tradition, very few have tried and many have failed.  
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To step outside the concept of verbal inspiration and inerrancy is to step outside orthodox Christianity. Traditions are good or bad depending upon their source. Paul passed traditions on to the church at Corinth; traditions that he had received from Christ. I am not traditional as regards modes of worship or service but some things have been placed into our hands and we will be held responsible for what we do with them.

Notice the exquisite care of the wording of "and that from a child thou hast known the sacred letters, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Every scripture divinely inspired, and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness;" (2Tim. 3:15-16, DRBY) Paul is careful NOT to say that the scriptures give salvation, but that they are able to make one 'wise' unto salvation. The salvation itself, is through faith in Christ Jesus. He goes on to say that every scripture is 'god-breathed'. For a Jew writing to a Jew (Timothy's mother was a Jew) 'the scriptures' had specific content and limits. They were described in the threefold division of 'the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms'. This is not a reference to single books but to the threefold division of the Jew's holy writings.

These scriptures were referred to by Christ as 'the word of God' (in answer to the original question) in "If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;" (John 10:35, KJVS) You may notice two significant things from this verse. First that Jesus equated the 'word of God' with the 'scripture' and secondly that he regarded 'the scripture' (singular) as a single entity. The Bible is ultimately not many books but one book with many chapters. Here is another illustration of this fact: "For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward." (1Tim. 5:18, KJVS) This verse has the word 'scripture' in the singular but 'the scripture' which is next quoted is an amalgum of "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn." (Deut. 25:4, KJVS)

and

"And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house." (Luke 10:7, KJVS) There is no distinction here, the inspiration of Moses is of the same nature

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e as the narrative of Luke; this is one scripture. This is why we must always interpret the Bible as One Book. It was the comment 'it is also written' that thwarted Satan's second temptation in the wilderness. Satan had quoted 'a verse' but Christ added another. Campbell Morgan used to say the truth always lies in 'it is also written'.

So Paul and Christ before him received the entire Jewish corpus as 'God-breathed' scripture. Christ believed implicitly and explicitly in the verbal inspiration and inerrancy of scripture; so did Paul. Peter regarded Paul's epistles as having equal inspiration "And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction." (2Pet. 3:15-16, KJVS) 'the other scriptures' actually means the 'remaining scriptures'. A clear statement that Peter regarded Paul's letters as scripture.

This belief in the verbal inspiration and inerrancy of the scriptures has been the 'traditional' stewardship of the Church down the ages. Any view less than this is 'sub-Christian'.

**Re:, on: 2005/8/25 6:51**

Philologos finally showed up... praise God! It's like the cavalry riding in. Glad to see you cowboy-up!

In other posts...

Karl (Healingwaters) said:

Quote:  
-----" There are far too many people that consider the King James Version to be thier God. No, they deny that it is thier God, but in action, it is! It is sad, but I have found those who do not read it are condemned to hell by KJV activists."

Karl, you know I'm your friend, so I hope you accept this in the spirit in which I'm saying it... but that statement is broad and general... and false. If you want to narrow it down and say that there are a few KJV-O's who have turned it into an idol, I could possibly agree with that. If you want to narrow it down and say that there are a few KJV-O's who would (if they could) condemn all others to hell, I could possibly agree with that. But I personally know many many KJV-O's of varying degrees... and I know of NONE of them who have made it an idol, nor condemn people to hell for reading a different version. What you said is typical of people who argue against the KJV, and it has no basis in reality. It's a lie.

Karl said:

Quote:  
----- My traditionalist friends will pull out their verses, "that if anyone adds or takes away....." Blah blah blah blah blah

I would advise you to not be so flippant about God's Word. That smacks of blasphemy.

Karl said:

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----- Having faid that, the original verfion was even worfe then thif 1762 book that I have. The KJV was revised and some books were removed, updating the english to modern times in that day it was revised. If they revised it then and those who hold to it as thee word of God, then whats wrong in revising it again for this generation? English will evolve into another lanuage one day and the bible will have to be translated again.

Karl, you show here that you lack even the basic understanding of what the debate over versions is even about. I'm all for updating archaic words in the KJV as need be. But the modern versions are not even based on the same Greek Text as the KJV. I feel like a broken record on this point... but one would think that after someone has been on this forum after a period of time, they would at least understand this fact... yet ignorance marches on.

I love you dearly, my friend... as you know. But I can not be silent as you make these false declarations.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/8/25 9:38**

WoW! this thread is still going? has anyone figured out if the Bible is the Word yet? I sure wished I could wake up to some good old Philippians 4:8 type threads tells us to "think on the things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of a good report, virtuous, and of praise." Father in the name of Jesus I know someone will come here today with a praise report we can all be lifted up by, Father I really thought as Christians and your children we were to lift up so I pray we will get to lifting, in Jesus name I pray Amen. :-)

**Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/25 9:40**

Many still don't understand. The Lord has asked me to deliver this last message.

The message the bible bears is infallible. The message was delivered by God through men. The Holy Spirit spoke unto prophets who in turn wrote the words down. God speaks through prophets today just as He did years ago.

This is important. The Holy Spirit spoke through men. Men wrote the bible. The words belong to men. The message belongs to God. When God wrote the ten commandments, He did so Himself. His own finger wrote the very text. If God had written the bible Himself, it would be considered Holy. There would be one bible in one translation, and none of us could go near it because it would be Holy. It would be preserved throughout all of time in a single state.

However, we know the bible has been translated in many different languages and written in many different versions. Every version of the bible God has preserved His message. (Although not everyone will accept this.) However, the wording is different in each. (As a side note: If you are not sure about which bible to use, ask Jesus. Who else should know? And just because He says to use one version, does not mean the others are less valid. Christ speaks to each person in accord to their needs. We all have different ways of worshipping the same God. We are different people. And if someone asks you which bible to use, say "this is the bible the Lord has directed me to use, but you should not trust me, I am human, you should pray about it and put your trust in Jesus. He is God.")

The bible has no authority apart from God. It is just a book. If the bible had authority, then we would have to accept one bible as the official bible. That is not true. There is no one true bible. Even the ancient greek texts by which today's bibles (including the KJV) are based upon copies. We do not have the original texts. We do not have the original letters written by Paul. We do not have the original books of the bible. There is no one true bible, and no matter how much people want to believe it, there is not. God made it this way intentionally, because He doesn't want people to base their faith on the bible. Faith, as Paul said, is based upon things unseen. Our faith is based upon Christ, the promise of God turned flesh.

God has taken great care throughout history to preserve the message of the bible. This is true. However, as we all know, there are immense derivations between the different version. I can also show you passages where the bible itself conflicts. For instance:

Matthew 28:5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

Luke 24:4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

When Mary and Mary went to the tomb of Christ, they were met by one Angel as it says in Matthew or two Angels as it says in Luke? Which was it, one angel or two?

This small detail shows errancy in the bible. People try to justify it and say, "Well, it doesn't disagree. There were both one angel and two."

The bible bears a message that is inerrant. The message about Jesus is not hindered by this small detail. It doesn't matter whether there was one angel or two. The testimony is still valid because the message is in agreement.

It also important to note that neither Matthew or Luke was present at the tomb. Rather, it was two women Mary and Mary who found the tomb empty. God chose two women to testify first about His resurrection. (So much for the theory that "men always come first".)

The message of the bible God has preserve in blood over history. Even still, this message has no power without the Holy Spirit. The message does not become alive until it is backed by the Holy Spirit. I can tell a man every day for eternity th at Jesus died on the cross and was resurrected on the third day. However, until that man believes it, the message mean s nothing. And that man cannot believe the message, until the Holy Spirit comes down from Heaven and speaks to the man's heart. This cannot happen, until that man calls upon the name of Christ.

If the bible has authority and power, all we would have to do is read it to a person, and they would instantly be saved. Ra ther, the bible is used for teaching. We use it to tell people about the message of God. We use it to teach them about the Word of God, about Jesus.

Let me give you another illustration. Let us say that God sends a prophet to speak His message. This prophet goes forth and preaches the Word of God. He says everything God tells Him to say. The Holy Spirit fills this man, and Jesus gives Him the words to say. Now, this man is speaking the message and Word of God. However, should we call this man, "Th e Word of God." No, the man is not the Word, he is just speaking the Word. This man has no power or authority. He is m erely a vessel for God to use.

Likewise, the bible is a vessel of God's Word. We can say it is "the living Word of God" only because it is alive in us. Wh en we are filled with the Holy Spirit, the Word is made alive. The Word is within us. It is inside. Only when the Word is in side of us does the bible have any life. When we are saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, the bible comes to life. We are drawn to it's words and they have power to convict us. This is not because the bible has authority and power. No. It is be cause the Spirit living inside of us, Christ in us, that has power and authority.

You can read the bible to someone who does not have the Holy Spirit, and it will have no effect. In fact, it will confuse th em. They will not understand the message it bears. However, when you read the bible to someone filled with the Holy S pirit, the bible has the power to draw their attention.

Please do not mistake these words. I am not saying we should go out and follow our flesh. I am not saying we should dis card the bible and it's teaching. I am not saying that the bible is faulty book.

I am saying that we should not turn the bible into God. We should not elevate the text of the bible above Christ. We cann ot read or understand the bible unless we have the Holy Spirit to guide us. Even when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we still have free will. We can still deny the Holy Spirit. (If we couldn't, then Christians would never sin.) Thus, whenever we read the bible, we should first pray and ask Jesus to open our hearts and minds to what He is trying to say.

The bible also speaks more than one single message. I have heard one person say, "This scripture said this to me" and another say, "Well, it said this to me." It was two totally different things. So who was right? They both were. There messa ges didn't conflict they were just telling the same thing from two different perspectives.

You spoke of absolute truth in Christianity. Indeed, there is absolute truth. Jesus is the truth. He is the absolute. You mu st understand what this means. To say Jesus is the absolute truth is to say He is God. Only God, who is at the center of everything can be absolute. He is the only thing that doesn't change. He is constant. He is. Everything else, God created

This is important. Only God can be God. There is only one God. Only God can be absolute truth. There is no greater trut h than God.

Everything else, has been created by God. And as we know by looking around, God loves variety. He does not make re plicas of anything. There are no two trees exactly alike. No two finger prints, exactly alike. No two snowflakes exactly ali ke. Rather, humanity in all it's corruption seeks for ways to make copies. God creates originals.

Thus, Jesus is the only truth of the universe. There is nothing greater. There is no greater authority. Jesus is Lord. This i s key: Jesus is Lord.

Jesus is God's Word. He is the Word turned flesh. There is nothing greater than Jesus.

Some people have given the bible more authority than Christ. They say the bible is absolute truth. That cannot be. You c annot have two truths. Is the bible truth or is Jesus truth? Which is it?

The bible is just a book. Pick one up and tell me different. When you give the bible more authority than Christ, you are idolizing a book. You are worshipping a book. You are basing your faith on a book. How silly is that? I carried a bible around with me for many years and it did nothing for me. Then, I met Jesus and I was saved. Praise the Lord!!! After I was saved, the bible came alive to me. I read it from cover to cover. Why? Because Jesus made it alive. Jesus was inside me and so His Spirit gave power to the message inside.

You also asked, "How can you be so sure of your spiritual hearing?" How can you be so sure of your salvation? How do you know you are saved? Is it because the bible says so? Or is it because Jesus saved you?

God speaks to us in many ways, not just through the bible. A great challenge is learning how to recognize His voice. It is something we spend an entire lifetime learning. As Christians, we belong to Jesus. We should always seek after Him. Paul said he died daily. Every morning he sacrificed his life to Christ. Should we do any less?

You must also understand this. It is true God is constant, true, absolute, and unchanging. He would not give conflicting or mixed messages. We don't know what all God has planned. We are just human beings. God has a plan that is greater than we can imagine. How should we ever know how He should choose to work.

When God called Luther to protest against the Catholic church, it was in direct disobedience to the bible. The bible says we should submit unto authorities and government. (Romans 13:1) However, Luther disobeyed this command. The Spirit told him differently. What should we say about this then? Should we say that Luther was directed by the Devil or should we say the bible is wrong?

It is neither. Christ is greater than the bible. Christ is greater than the law. When accused of breaking the sabbath, Jesus said He was greater than the Sabbath.

As Christians, we are to follow Jesus. If Christ convicts your heart and calls you to a position that conflicts with popular teaching, if He asks you to do something and you do not, then you are sinning.

People are afraid of this, however. They want the bible to be an absolute truth, an official standard, a book of laws. They are afraid because without a law, without an official bible, then how can they judge others? How can they label others false teachers? If the bible is not an authority, then how can they know who is right and who is wrong? Who do they trust? How do they get away with sin in darkness?

You see, when you make the bible authoritative and official, then you turn it into an unbreakable law. You say, "The bible says this and it can be no other way." It is final. It is absolute. It is law. Then, you can sit and say, "Well, I can get away with this sin, because it's not in the bible. And I can treat women like lesser creatures, because it says men are better in the bible. If I follow all these commands, I will look good and righteous. I am a good person because I follow the bible. That person is a sinner because they don't follow the bible, and the bible say this. I have the power to judge others, because no one can defy the bible. It is law."

This contradicts the whole message of the bible. This is exactly what the Pharisees did when Jesus came. They used the law to make themselves righteous, just like some people today are using the bible to make themselves righteous. The message of the bible centers around love and the heart.

When people give into the Holy Spirit, they are filled with the fruit of the Spirit. When people truly follow Christ, they are never lead astray.

Additionally, there is the issue of interpretation. The bible may be easily confused and misinterpreted. The message is perfect and infallible. However, the words may be confusing or difficult to understand. Before I was saved, I tried many times to read the bible. I could not make any sense of it. I have had a friend who is an English Literary Scholar tell me she could read and understand any old English text, but she could not make sense of the bible. When I was saved, though, reading the bible was easy. Why? Not because I suddenly became an expert. It was all because of the Holy Spirit.

As you can see by this website, and many other books throughout the ages, the bible is discussed in great debate even among Christians. Even though we have the Holy Spirit, we still make errors. We still may misinterpret scripture. I have made mistakes in the past. Christ continually helps me grow. The most horrid state we can be in as Christians is to be so arrogant to think that we cannot be wrong. When this happens, we do not have a teachable Spirit. We have blocked off the Spirit and can no longer grow.

Thus, it is ever so important to seek out Christ in everything we do. When we read the bible, we should pray and ask Jesus to guide us. When we are being challenged, we should pray and ask Christ to help us understand. We should always follow the Spirit first. And if it seems like there is a conflict, we should pray about it.

Follow Jesus. I will follow the same counsel.

Lastly, these words are my own, but the message above came from Christ. He asked me to speak this. I am not going to attempt to prove this to anyone. I will tell you straight up, do not trust me. I am a man. I am fallible. Trust in Jesus. Pray and ask Him about this message, especially if you feel the Spirit stirring inside of you.

I am not going to be so bold as to say I am right or righteous. And I am definitely not better than anyone. I am going to say that I will continue to pray.

Blake

**Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/25 9:44**

Quote: "What is your faith association ???"

I follow Jesus Christ only. He is my Lord and savior.

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/8/25 9:53**

Quote:

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beenblake wrote:

Many still don't understand. The Lord has asked me to deliver this last message.

Blake

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WoW!!! Father that Prayer was answered fast! I guess if I prayed for all the starving folks on earth to be feed today could possibly come that fast?

Well I will ask because it might Father, In the name of Jesus could you see that all the starving folks on this beautiful earth you created be feed today, and because you are such an abundant Father make that the best meal they have ever had in your son Jesus name I pray Amen.

**Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/25 9:57**

Dear Ginnyrose,

"Quote:....why are you asking this question? Are you trying to worm your way around something the Scriptures is asking you to do but do not want to do it?"

I will be honest with you, although people will not believe it and they will judge and persecute me because of it. However, since you asked so sincerely, how can I not be generous in return?

Jesus laid this whole thing on my heart. When He spoke to me about it, I did not believe at first, but I knew it in my heart to be true. And then, He asked me to post it on this website which I knew would not be well accepted. I told Him no at first. A few weeks passed. He pushed me and pushed me until I came down very sick. I was dizzy and felt as though I would pass out for two days. I could barely stand. So, I finally said, "Lord, I will write the question, but you must send someone else to deliver the first message."

The message was delivered, and then the Lord prompted me to write the rest. So, I wrote as He directed.



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The irony of this is that once I stood on the other side of the debate. I once debated this with someone else. It is amazing how Christ moves.

I will say the same thing I have said to everyone else: Do not trust me. Trust in Jesus. Do not believe me. Believe in Jesus. I am nothing. Christ is everything.

May Christ direct all our paths.

Blake

**Re:, on: 2005/8/25 9:59**

Quote:  
-----The Lord has asked me to deliver this last message.  
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**Promise??**

Quote:  
-----I will be honest with you, although people will not believe it and they will judge and persecute me because of it.  
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I have judged your teaching, but not you. You say you are a believer... and I accept that. But your teaching is faulty to the core. Persecuted? Read Foxe's Book of Martyrs, and then talk to me about persecution. Start a house church in China and get caught... then talk to me about persecution. Convert people to Christianity in an Islamic country ... then talk to me about persecution. You're not being persecuted, and it would be refreshing to see you stop trying to validate your false doctrine by claiming to be persecuted when you're not.

Your post is just a rehash of the other posts you wrote. Some truth... much error.

The Jesus of the Bible did not tell you to deliver this message. You better check which Jesus you're following, my dear friend.

*2Co 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*

You said earlier that you would simplify all this for us. So far you have not delivered. Wake me up when you do...

*2Co 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

I would like to recommend that everyone stop responding to this thread, and just let it die. It's getting ridiculous.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/8/25 10:02**

Quote:  
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beenblake wrote:  
The Lord has asked me to deliver this last message.  
Blake  
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That would be the one that is called the Lord Jesus Christ that told you that, you said you listen and follow him in your earlier posts are you becoming a rebel for Christ? :-P

**Re:, on: 2005/8/25 10:41**

I wouldn't use the Lord's Name in vain, nor use it for jokes through "prayers".

Blake, I posted how I feel on this thread, and so did you, and you "have said", that you feel the Bible is inerrant in the sense, that you do trust it enough to quote it and live by it, as it appears.

That is what I was hoping you'd say ... all the rest of what you've said can be misunderstood enough on here, until the cows come home.

I will stick with John 16:13 and live by that with all the trust in that verse, that God has built into me, over long and very difficult years.

Unless you want this "mince meat making machine" here to go on ... I pray you are right, that this is what God has told you, is your last post.

A sentence here and there within your post, that does say you feel Scripture is truth ... though one needs look hard to see that in there .... should suffice.

For new people especially, this is a "mince meat making machine", for sure ... and no matter 'where' any goes in cyberspace, it is like that. As soon as they sign on, their posts are scrutinized under the Professional microscopes and suspicions are cast immediately on "what denomination are you from ? Are you here with an "agenda" ? Who are you anyway ? What makes you think, you have the right to start a thread here ? ETC. ETC. But that's how it is in the "Church" in cyberspace forums, period.

We're not in the first Church of Acts anymore ... that's for sure.

The few "scholars" will go for the new people faster than a pack of rabid dogs. Or any other meek and mild mannered poster here, who won't defend themselves against the bullies.

And as one fellow said on this thread, I may be banned with this post,(without calling anyone a blatant "hypocrit"), but God's WILL be done.

Without Love, His Love, in and working out of us, NONE of us will be saved. (And no one can rebuttal 'that' thread, that never got a reply. No need to wonder why.)

I don't care how "correct" one thinks they are ... if that Love (And Mercy) is not there and we're not patient enough with each other (especially new comers) and give each other a chance to say what we mean ... then the "Senior Members" will make sure you leave ... in a heart beat.

Or the others who have been belittled by the same and run off, even though what they had to share was from the heart of God, Himself. (I've read back from 2003, so it's not just a recent phenomena I'm talking about here.)

By those who - (though they are just fortunate to be "members" like the rest of us), who feel they must run the whole forum and control what each person posts, and deprive each of the liberty to express themselves .... without the attacking, that begins the Pack Mentality, that's been seen over and over again.

I just cannot stop the grieving that I've had in my heart, from long before I even found this site ... that 1 - we don't see the necessity of 'Love' mixed with 'Spirit' and Truth. And not JUST what we claim is "truth", without the other Two .... and that we don't see The Mind of Christ ... or that we're IN those days when persecution may just be around the corner, and all the "pontificating" in the world, will Not get us 'through' what is coming.

Our burden should be for EVERY SOUL that passes our paths, and for the misguided, unsaved, and those being killed in the womb, or arrested or killed for Christ, all over the world. Matt. 25.

There are some very good guys on this site, that don't speak up so much, but have Christ-like spirits and burdens and vision ... but that's just it ... "they don't speak up much" ... because they can't, lest they be "shot-down" by the self-made "scholars and defenders of so-called 'Truth' " .....

And this is what I saw in an old thread about "the Church". (just for one). Amen !

Truth that is not in 'Spirit and Love', is not HIS Truth, at all.

We're commanded to "pray for the Saints and Unsaved, or confused" Everywhere through-out this world ....

I think I'd rather spend my time doing that, than watching grown men cower to self-made "correct-alls" ... bite and devour new people or others, and use His Name for mockings and self-promotion.

Despite it all .....

In His Ever Abiding Peace and Merciful Love.

Annie

**Re: - posted by inotof (), on: 2005/8/25 12:22**

... I don't know who said it first but, I think it is a fitting quote. Thank you for the post Grannie, once again, your honesty and heart for the Lord is refreshing and heart smiting.

"What then is our goal? To destroy those that honestly seek the truth? Or do we seek to destroy the truth so that no man seek it?"

Sorry for the stones I cast, even in a humorous nature, a rock on the noggin' hurts. God's best to you all.

**Re:, on: 2005/8/25 12:52**

Quote:"What then is our goal? To destroy those that honestly seek the truth? Or do we seek to destroy the truth so that no man seek it?"

That is a Good one inotof.

1Co 16:13-14 Watch ye, Stand Fast in the Faith, quit you like Men, be Strong .... Let all your things be done with charity

God Bless you David. Your tender heart showed through for Faith Ann and elsewhere.

Lord prosper you in your Ministry in/to Him.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/8/25 15:40

Quote:  
-----When Mary and Mary went to the tomb of Christ, they were met by one Angel as it says in Matthew or two Angels as it says in Luke ? Which was it, one angel or two? ??This small detail shows errancy in the bible. People try to justify it and say, "Well, it doesn't disagree. There were both one angel and two."  
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This is not an attempt to 'justify'. You are starting from a position of distrust and unbelief consequently your instinct is to find a reason why these narratives disagree and thereby prove your thesis. The believer in verbal inspiration and inerrancy thinks otherwise. His thinking might go something like this...

Luke was almost certainly aware of Matthew's gospel when he wrote his own narrative. He was a skilled historian who knew how to check his sources. And yet he apparently contradicted Matthew; was he stupid? Would he not know that if he contradicted Matthew people's confidence in his own narrative would be undermined? Why didn't he just trim it to fit Matthew's narrative? If I was fabricating a story I would have at least have had the sense to make sure it agreed with an eye-witness apostle. Was Luke the physician less intelligent than I am?

What do I know of Luke's reputation in his writing? Is he usually painstaking in his detail? Luke 1:11 (KJVS) And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

Luke 6:6 (KJVS) And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered.

Luke 22:50 (KJVS) And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. Does this witness strike me as being reliable in the attention he gives to detail? or does he just 'wing it' and make up the details as he goes along. Is his approach generally approximate or scientific? Acts 3:7 (KJVS) And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Luke 5:12 (KJVS) And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. Everything about this man's witness marks him out as probably the best educated and most careful reporter of events in the NT. His testimony shows constant signs of the most precise attention to detail. Do you think he didn't notice that Matthew had only recorded the words of 'one angel'?

The believer in verbal inspiration and inerrancy says 'everything I know about this witness checks out'. The burden of proof that he is lying or making it up must lie with those who chose to disbelieve him. It is not a case of me 'justifying' Luke; it is rather a case of you proving him an unreliable witness. If he is indeed an unreliable witness, of course, you will have to put both the Gospel and the Acts into the bin. This is ultimately a question of trust. I would rather trust Luke's testimony than my own reconstruction of events. The final question is where do I put my faith; in Luke's credibility as a witness or my own deductive powers? You have made your choice and I have made mine.

Re:, on: 2005/8/25 22:12

To answer a PM I got.

On page 7 I posted ....

Quote:  
-----Aw come on youse guys ... someone asked what the point of all of these pages were.

I think ALL things work together for the good, to work us into the Image of Christ Rom 8:28,29.

And this verse comes to mind ...

**Gal 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.**

'LOVE' y'all.

big mouth Annie :-)  
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What I posted today, above, was out of anguish that we aren't seeing the point or as other's would see this thread.

If a person comes on here, that doesn't "quite have it right" or "as maybe we see what 'right' is" .... instead of using Gal 6 :1, we do what was done on here .... and seems, from looking back on many threads ... that is the common practice.

Now, please, I truly DO care ... despite what most will say after I'm long dead or gone, or post elsewhere's since I posted the last one above.

I came on here because of the "pathos or angst" expressed by one Moderator on the Announcement board.

I haven't 'changed', nor have I changed my determination from that day onward to see Peace here. And a place to find p eace and be ministered to, in the fellowship of the Brethren.

And my husband and I DO put Truth (as in Apologetics/Exegetical/By The Book) first ....

But let me just share with you quickly, what I've seen and learned over these years and see here.

My husband and I had a period in our ministry, where we put Truth Above Spirit and Love, as the warning to the Church of Ephesus accuses, and have had to go through many 'crushings' from the Lord to sensitize us and make us to see 'our spirit' in slamming truth at the "not yet as 'learn-ed'", as we thought we were.

**IF** someone comes on and posts something that we don't agree with or that is not quite right, or whatever ..... and ( my main point here now) If, they come on with their view and others watching, who aren't sure "who's" right in this, views our posts, and see us ripping at the person, and that person, being somewhat polite ..... Well then, 'who' will have won th e debate ???

Can you see what I mean ?

WE, can destroy Truth with 'our spirits'.

We're supposed to be here (I was led to believe), to help 'anybody', even if they appear to be or 'are' wrong ... but we ca n't help a soul, if we do here what was done on this thread.

Or to any other member here, who has been hair-spitted to the death, to the point where they fear or just don't bother po sting at all.

I only remember 'where and which post' made me a "forum person" again, and 'that' is what has kept me here. To try to help, not worsen the thing.

"Where two or more are gathered in MY Name", He said, "there I am in the midst of them."

Who's NAME are we here for and are outsiders and the confused or just other men welcome to feel free to post here, wi

thout being attacked by the Body ?

You decide if what I've said is "backwards or a change of mind", on my part since I've signed on.

Blessed are the peacemakers and those that can 'discern' between trouble makers within their ranks, a clique-ish spirit, a preferring one over another, those who need our help, and read the "heart and spirit" of another's posts, without dissimulation in our love, etc. etc..

Maybe age has something to do with it all, but I don't think so. (Timothy was Humble & Kind)

I think it's just the same junk that my husband and I went through as proud apologists ... and before HE had to beat into us, that without Love, we are dead meat.

Go with God.  
Annie

**Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/26 8:25**

Quote: "The final question is where do I put my faith; in Luke's credibility as a witness or my own deductive powers? You have made your choice and I have made mine."

I place my faith not in either Luke or myself, but in Jesus Christ.

The fact that these verses do not agree does not hinder Luke or Matthew's witness. It merely shows that they are human . It proves that we cannot trust in men, but only in God. (As it should.)

If only God is good, and only Jesus is perfect, then how can we expect the writers of the bible were perfect also? If you are claiming the bible is perfect, then you are saying the bible is a part of God (for only God is perfect). God includes three (father, son, Holy Spirit), and this does not include the bible. To say the bible is perfect is to say the bible is God. Do you not see?

The Christian faith is based upon the belief in Christ. (John 3:16) We are saved by believing in Christ. This faith is supported and backed by the Holy Spirit.

If someone believes in Jesus because the bible says so, then he has missed out on the whole salvation experience. For when we are saved, we know we are saved by the Holy Spirit that lives within us.

Likewise, a person cannot base his faith or salvation on the bible for what kind of faith is that? Faith can only come from Christ who is Lord over all. Christ is the rock. He is the foundation by which no other can build. The bible is not the foundation. Christ is.

When someone has a salvation experience, he no longer has to rely on the testimonies of Luke or Matthew, for he has a testimony of his own. He will say, "I have met Christ and this is my testimony."

When this happens, the bible does not prove Christ to this person, for he knows Christ personally. He knows Christ because Christ came down from Heaven and washed away his sins making him into a new creation. This person is then born again.

I hope this helps,  
In love,

Blake

Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/26 8:28

Quote:  
-----But your teaching is faulty to the core.  
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Dear Krispy,

All of my teachings, messages, and writings have one basis. It is this: Jesus Christ is Lord.

What do you think of this teaching? Do you think it is faulty to the core?

In love,  
Blake

Re:, on: 2005/8/26 8:42

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by beenblake on 2005/8/26 8:25:39

I won't "quote" this post above, but Blake, I'll just say ..... I don't agree with you on it and don't want to respond to this th read anymore.

By my posting what I had above, I was not endorsing your beliefs, but trying to strengthen ours, in how we all could better handle debates and those who come on here, saying, "this is my last post" and it seldom is.

I won't go into how I feel again, that the word/Scripture, is there to "keep us from a different Gospel or different Jesus", et c. etc.  
But without it, we 'will' have a 'different Jesus'.

It is a free country, so far, so you're entitled to your beliefs, just as we are ... but not to push them down each other's throats.

You don't and we won't have to with you.

He is found by those who Truly Seek Him.  
"We know in Part".

Annie

Re:, on: 2005/8/26 9:23

Quote:  
-----What do you think of this teaching? Do you think it is faulty to the core?  
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You play games with words. It reminds me of when the Jehovah's Witnesses come around... you really have to be on your toes with them. My suggestion to believers when the JW's come around is to not even try to talk to them unless you really know what you're doing. Word games, semantics... all designed to cast doubt in a believer's heart.

I'm sure that's not *your* intention, Blake... but that's certainly the intention of the one who is behind your doctrines.

So, in keeping with scripture (you know, THE WORD OF GOD), I am once again shaking the dust off...

Krispy

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/8/26 10:27**

Quote:

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Krispy

Krispy, I think personally that is good advise, I have a Jehovah's Witness church right in my neighborhood and I try to be nice and talk to them when they slide by but your right then they pull out their comic book and try to intimidate me only person that could ever intimidate me was #3 :-?

**Re:, on: 2005/8/26 10:31**

Quote:

-----only person that could ever intimidate me was #3  
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Yea... 24 isnt very intimidating! (or 20!)

No one knows what we're talking about... lol... it's a redneck thang.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by inotof (), on: 2005/8/26 10:45**

Quote:

-----No one knows what we're talking about... lol... it's a redneck thang  
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i do. those cars going round and round in circles, just like this post. :-P

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/8/26 10:55**

Quote:

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inotof wrote:

Quote:

-----No one knows what we're talking about... lol... it's a redneck thang  
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i do. those cars going round and round in circles, just like this post. :-P  
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O give David two gold stars. :-P



**Re:, on: 2005/8/26 10:58**

yea... that was pretty good!

Hey Dave, eat your heart out, buddy. I got tickets to Bristol! Both tonight AND the big daddy tomorrow night!

Krispy

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/8/26 11:22**

Quote:

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KrispyKrittr wrote:

Hey Dave, eat your heart out, buddy. I got tickets to Bristol! Both tonight AND the big daddy tomorrow night!Krispy

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Yea bring a change of clothes with the Busch drivers at that track "Lady in Black" and all the caution they will have you will probably be eating breakfast at the track especially if Robbie G. is in that race tonight.I don't know why they just don't paint those walls black :-P :-?

**Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/26 12:24**

Dear Krispy,

Why do you avoid the question?

Let me ask it again, do you believe Jesus is Lord? Or do you think this statement is "faulty to the core?"

In love,  
Blake

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/8/26 13:11**

Quote:

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beenblake wrote:

Dear Krispy,

Why do you avoid the question? do you believe Jesus is Lord?

In love,  
Blake

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Maybe I missed something here but what kind of a question is that? :-)

**Re:, on: 2005/8/26 13:21**

No, Blake, I have better things to do with my time then play more word games with you. I'm not dodging your questions... most everyone here knows me and what I believe. There is no need for me to play along.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/26 13:45**

I am not playing word games. This is no game. This is what you have said of me thus far in this topic:

"but thats certainly the intention of the one who is behind you're doctrines."

"But your teaching is faulty to the core."

"Some truth... much error."

"I'm not sure where you got your twisted view of things"

"Then your message couldnt be from God because your posts are confusing, and the message is mixed."

"but you are being hypocritical."

"I will give you credit for the little bit of truth that was in your post. But thats how false teachings are... little bit of truth mixed with error."

You declare my teachings are faulty and erred. I respect that you believe differently. However, you have done nothing to show that I am wrong. Do I not at least deserve an answer to this simple question?

I teach that Jesus is Lord. Is this teaching wrong or not? Should I continue to teach that Jesus is Lord, or should I stop? I s Jesus Lord or is He not?

Sincerely,  
Blake

**Re:, on: 2005/8/26 14:06**

Quote:

-----I teach that Jesus is Lord. Is this teaching wrong or not? Should I continue to teach that Jesus is Lord, or should I stop?  
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So? The Mormons, the JW's and the Roman Catholic Church teach that Jesus is Lord. So does Reverend Moon. That proves nothing.

You ARE playing word games, whether you want to admit it or not.

Krispy

**Re:, on: 2005/8/26 14:08**

**Have fun Blake... I'm not going to contribute any furthering to this thread... it needs to get buried in the heap of archived threads.**

Krispy

Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2005/8/26 14:37

Krispy,

You say that my teachings are faulty. I teach that Jesus is Lord. Jesus is supreme. He is greater than the bible. He is greater than anything known or unknown. He is The Word of God turned flesh. Jesus is Lord.

You have been so bold to say my teachings are faulty and erred. Do you believe my teachings are faulty and erred, or not?

Blake

Re:, on: 2005/8/26 14:43

I've been watching this thread with some consternation, as I think the most damage was done to your 'case' beenblake, (bb) by the title you gave your first post. However, I believe I know what you're getting at, partly from my own experience of not being able to understand scripture once upon a day, (even though I came from a Christian background).

I believe Acts 8 elucidates both what you are attempting to communicate (bb), what those who took particular exception to the *thread title* (which gives the impression you are *minimising* both the validity and the importance of the written word) are saying. I won't say 'trying to say'. beenblake has expounded and qualified his position clearly. I don't 'see' it contradicting the written word, invalidating the written word or even slightly suggesting that the written word is not true.

He has said that without the Holy Spirit's illumination, it is meaningless to the reader, no matter how often or sincerely it is read. **How can we not *all* agree with this statement?**

In an old book called 'Fair Sunshine' (documents lives of some Covenanters in Scotland), there is a clear account of a Christian man operating the gift of prophecy *against* a person. (Sorry I can't remember the exact details; they don't affect my meaning.) This prophecy about the person's death, happened exactly how and when the prophecy said it would. But, you won't find that prophecy in the Bible.

It could not be proved by the Bible, except to confirm there is such a thing as 'the word of God' which comes through the operation of several of the gifts (including prophecy). To the person prophesying (exercising their gift) and to the person whose behaviour attracted such a fatal prediction from the heart of God, His word, delivered faithfully, in that situation was accomplished. This ties in completely with any statement about the word of God coming to pass, or, enduring for ever.

beenblake claims some people (or a person) here have/has made an idol of the written word. Does it matter whether he was sent by God to ask this? This is a valid question.

If this applies, have you answered honestly before God and transferred your primary allegiance to the Lord Himself, or have you been able to slip away into the depths of cyberspace, rather than own up, leaving bb to take the flack that's flying?

I don't think bb cares for hassle he's having, but, he'll survive.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/8/26 14:44

I feel like I am having to take care of kindergarden kids... come brothers! lets discuss things soberly with godly reverence and self-control. There is not need for half the posts in this thread and especially the ones the speak against others.

THIS FORUM IS LOCKED and also this discussion needs not to continue amongst the parties that have kept it going.

**Re: The written word of God, on: 2005/8/26 14:51**

We have had threads *recently* where 'religion' has been pointed up as the biggest 'enemy' to faith.... the biggest culprit for or hypocrisy. Idolatry is a sin which has the potential to separate so totally from the heart of God and His meaning, that it is mentioned 3 times by Paul and once by Luke, 'idolater' is mentioned 7 times (by Paul and John) and 'idol' 22 times, without including the many times other idolatrous behaviour is named (in the New Testament).

I am not specially looking for answers to my post, but, I need some of you to understand that the written word really doesn't make sense to everyone, even after it's explained sometimes. The Lord needs to speak from it into the reader's understanding. (I think you all know this.) Also, there are and have been always Christians who knew the Lord without ever having held or owned a Bible, who were willing to die for their faith - Jesus and His life - His living word to their spirit - was so real to them.

There is one main thing I'm trying to say: within the Body (of Christ) it is possible to be called to know the word, study the word, be able to explain the word, be totally conversant with the written word and not to be so, would for that person so called, be a tragedy, (if not, a 'sin') but, it is the use of the written word in the hands of those inspired to share it as the Holy Spirit gives them utterance, which is the *living word* to those who hear.

Communication is at the heart of every relationship and through it (communication) God enlivens His spoken word such that it engenders faith in the hearer. You who listen to sermons on SI - isn't this true? You are not listening to the Bible being read out (although sometimes this itself brings a specific word of God to your heart). You are listening to the written word being *processed* through the mind, understanding, and (should be also) the life of the preacher. God Himself makes this make sense to you (or not).

Finally, if beenblake happens to be blind and has never actually 'seen' the written word, and 'hears' it by listening rather than reading, would/could, those of you who posted counter to his points, have posted as you did?

(What I mean is, would your posts have made the same sense to you as they do when you think he holds a book in his hand?)

And, would those of you who stooped uncharacteristically to *mockery* of bb's thesis, have been so brave?

This is not to say the discussion has not been an opportunity to learn (I speak for myself).

My next post is from Acts 8.

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2005/8/26 14:52**

Hi blake...

Quote:

-----"Let me ask it again, do you believe Jesus is Lord?"  
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Jesus is Lord! Philippians 2:5-11

Scripture is inspired! 2 Timothy 3:16

Jesus is the Word! John 1:1-5

The Bible is not God, nor is it to be worshipped in any way. Exodus 20:4-6

You can destroy a Bible, but you can never destroy the Word of God. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall never pass away." Matthew 24:35

Jesus is the inspiration for the written Word of God -- perfect in every way, even when the translations can be (and some times are) flawed.

To my feeble mind, this seems quite clear.

:-)