

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

- 1. We believe the Bible consists of the 66 books of the Protestant Scriptures (39 in the Old Testament; 27 in the New Testament).
- 2. The Bible is inspired, or "God-breathed," and is living and active being the words of God. 2 Sa 23:2; Je 1:9; 2:1; Ti 3:16; 1 Th 2:13; He 4:12; 2 Pe 1:20-21
- 3. The Bible is authoritative, infallible, and inerrant. Ps 19:7; Pr 30:5; Is 55:11; Jn 10:35
- 4. It is written both by the human author and the divine Author. Just as Christ is both Divine and Human, yet without sin, so the Word of God is both divine and human, yet without error. 2 Sa 23:2

WHAT ARE SOME BENEFITS OF READING THE BIBLE?

- 1. Being inspired, the Bible is valuable for application to our lives in many practical and spiritual ways. Ro 15:4; 2 Ti 3:15-17; 2 Pt 1:2-3
- 2. Reading the Bible "washes" our thoughts to be holy. Ep 5:26
- 3. The Bible revives us, makes us wise, and gives us joy. Ps 19:7-11
- 4. It pierces deep within us and "judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." He 4:12

HOW DO I INTERPRET THE BIBLE?

- 1. Understand that it is Christ centered. Lk 24:27; Jn 5:39; 20:31
- 2. Recognize that context establishes meaning. A text out of context is a pretext for a proof text. (Ex. Ph 4:19)
- 3. Understand that the Bible is a unity, having metanarratives, fulfillment of prophecies, and types. Jn 10:35; 1 Co 10:11
- 4. Interpret literally (grammatical/historical sense) but consider figures of speech when apparent. (Ex. Mt 8:22; Jn 15:5)

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

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