

# JESUS AND THE BIBLE

## PART 5 IN A SERIES ON HOW TO KNOW THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD

*"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."*

~ 2 Timothy 3:15

### 1. Introduction

- a. A lesson about Jesus and the Bible – how we know either to be the word of God
- b. Inspiration ~ God's words in writing; God used men to write what he intended.
- c. Incarnation ~ God in flesh; God becomes man to do what he intended
- d. You know the Bible is the word of God the same way you were saved.

### 2. How You Were Saved – 2 Tim 3:15

- a. *"from a child"* – a child can know; truth not something only understood by wisest – Col 2:8
- b. *"holy scriptures"* – from someone who also believes, letting God be true – Rom 3:4, 1Co 1:21
- c. *"wise unto salvation"* – Want to know Bible is the word of God → faith in the gospel of Christ
- d. *"through faith"* – Faith is impugned as a way to know, but faith is knowledge/conviction
  - i. There are more ways to know than simply logic and reason – Ps 19:1-3
  - ii. How do babies know their parents, how do you know the beauty of a sunset, you are guilty, how do you know you are hungry, joyful, good music, at peace, in love
  - iii. The Bible speaks of a conscience – Rom 2:15, 2 Cor 1:12, 4:2, 5:21
  - iv. You first believed, and were saved not by a course in logic, but through faith
  - v. Faith a spiritual response to hearing the word of God – Rom 10:17
  - vi. Heb 11:1 – It is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things
- e. *"which is in Christ Jesus"* – the object of our faith – Col 2:3
  - i. Can you persuade someone to believe? Yes, but they cling to what you use
- f. Jesus Christ is God's answer to sin, guilt, shame, despair, death, hopeless, ignorance, darkness

### 3. Jesus and the Bible

- a. Why do you believe in Jesus? - Rom 3:26 – the same reason you believe the Bible
- b. You can't believe in Jesus without believing the Bible is the word of God
- c. The Lord Jesus Christ and scripture have similarities that connect them
- d. What they are called, prophecy, spoken words, miracles, their roles, belief – John 2:22
- e. There is the evidence of lives changed through the life, words, and ministry of Jesus.
- f. If Jesus is the Word of God, then this book is the words of God.
- g. Paul reminds Timothy of his faith in the beginning in Christ when he speaks of inspiration
- h. How do you know the Bible is true? Jesus Christ. Faith in him.

## **Similarities between the Bible and Jesus (The words of God and the Word of God)**

1. Both called the word of God – John 1:1, Luke 4:4
2. Both speak of each other – John 5:39, Luke 24:27
3. Both will judge men – John 5:22, 12:48
4. Both are the power of God – Mark 12:24, Rom 1:16
5. Both give eternal life – John 3:15, John 5:39
6. Both preached – Gal 3:8, Mark 1:14
7. Both able to save men – James 1:21, 1 Tim 4:10
8. Both are pure – Prov 30:4, John 1:29
9. Both a source of faith – Rom 10:17, Heb 12:2
10. Both must be believed – John 2:22, Rom 3:26
11. Both discern the thoughts and intents of the hearts of men – Heb 4:12, Matt 9:4
12. Both proceed from God – Matt 4:4, John 8:42
13. Both are the revelation of God – John 14:7-9, 2 Tim 3:16
14. Both are inspired by God – John 5:19, 5:30; 2 Tim 3:16
15. Both are called truth – John 14:6, John 17:17
16. Both are of God and of man – 2 Pet 1:21, Col 2:9
17. Both in heaven and in earth – Ps 119:89, Eph 1:20, Rom 10:6
18. Both rejected by men – Isaiah 53:3, Jer 8:9
19. Both endure forever – 1 Pet 2:23, 1 Pet 2:25, Heb 1:8
20. Both magnified above all names – Ps 138:2, Eph 1:21, Phil 2:9