

Importance of the Basics

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I. Introduction.

A. The basis of the Christian life is the Bible.

II. What is the Bible?

A. It is a book of God's message to man through Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 1:1)

B. Everything needed for our spiritual walk is recorded in it.

III. Why did God give us the Bible?

A. The Bible is God's special revelation of God's divine truth that man could not otherwise understand.

B. The natural man cannot understand the things of God without revelation. (1 Corinthians 2:14)

C. The Bible helps us to walk in God's steps.

IV. What is unique about the Bible?

A. It is God making a bid for man.

B. Flaws are revealed about man as well as good things.

V. How to apply the Bible to everyday life.

A. Salvation comes through the Bible which is God's Word.

1. We were born again when we came to accept God as savior.

2. We became new creatures after we were changed.

3. People can tell when we are converted because of the new patterns that come about.

4. Man is a sinner in need. (Genesis 6:5, Jeremiah 17:9)

5. One of the most important things is growth in Christ, and God's Word is the hook. (3 John 4)

B. The Word of God is what satisfies the life, and Jesus is the Word of God. (Revelation 19:13, Deuteronomy 6:5-6)

C. We are to teach children God's Word and talk about the Lord. (Deuteronomy 18:19)

1. Although we are Christians we still have a wicked heart. At the same time we have a new heart.

2. We are to fill ourselves with the Word of God and it will reveal the condition of our hearts when we speak. (Psalm 12:6, Proverbs 30:5)

D. Get to know the Bible. (Matthew 22:29, 1 Timothy 5:1)

VI. How to meet actual problems.

Application questions

1. Why is the Bible necessary for understanding God?

2. What about the Bible makes it unlikely that man would write it by himself?

3. Why is the Bible necessary for spiritual growth? What is your plan for regular and consistent Bible study?
