

Ending Up on The Right Side of History

A Biblical View of The Bible

Selected Scriptures

1. The Bible is Inspired by God

God has initiated communication with man so as to instruct him how to do what is right and good (Gen. 1:28-30). Whenever God has spoken with men, it was to make Himself, His glory, or His will known to men (Gen. 12:1-3; Ex. 3:1ff; Jon. 3:1-4; Mk. 9:2-8; Heb. 1:1-2). All Scripture are His words (2 Pet. 1:20-21; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

2. The Bible is Without Error

God's Word is always true (Num. 23:19; 1 Sam. 15:29; Titus 1:2). Any supposed word from God that is not true has not come from Him, and it is not to be feared or followed (cf. Deut. 13:1-5). Every word of Scripture, whether considered in part (cf. Luke 20:37; Gal. 3:16) or as a whole, is preserved by the Lord (Matt. 5:17-20) and is without error (Ps. 12:6; 18:30; Prov. 30:5).

3. The Bible is Sufficient

God gave the Scriptures to men over time beginning with Moses and concluding with the apostles (cf. Heb. 1:1-2). God has chosen to preserve His Word until the end of time (cf. Matt. 5:18) so that we may always be adequately equipped for every good work (Ps. 19:7ff; Isa. 8:20; 2 Pet. 1:2-3; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). Christians will find everything necessary for sanctification and holiness in this life in the Bible (John 17:17; Rom. 12:2).

4. The Bible is Clear

God has spoken so that men could understand Him and obey Him (Mt. 12:3-7). God intentionally veiled some truth in mystery for a time (cf. Eph 3:8-10) and some parts of Scripture are harder to understand than others (cf. 2 Pet. 3:16), but the Scriptures are not given so as to leave us hopelessly confused as to God's intention. The Scripture is sufficiently clear that the most simple minded person can understand and obey God's commands (Ps. 19:7b; 119:130; cf. Jn. 3:16; Rom. 3:23). The Holy Spirit Himself helps every believer to understand His Word (Ps. 119:18, 23; John 14:26; 16:12-15; Eph 1:17-18) and He has given gifted men to the church in order to further accomplish this (1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11-13).