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# The Foundation of the Living Word





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## Founded on the Rock

*“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.” (Matthew 7:24-25)*

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*“And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” (Matthew 7:26-27)*







A cinematic photograph showing three men in biblical attire sitting in a grassy field. The man in the center, with long brown hair and a beard, wears a light-colored robe and a head covering, looking towards the left. To his right, another man with long dark hair and a beard, wearing a green and yellow robe, looks on. On the left, a third man is seen from the back, wearing a green robe and a brown head covering, gesturing with his hand. The background is a dense forest of green trees.

How We're Connected  
To the Rock

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## How We're Connected to the Rock



*“Who do you say that I am?”*

*Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

*(Matthew 16:13-16)*



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## How We're Connected to the Rock



*“I tell you, you are Peter,  
and on this rock I will  
build my church, and the  
gates of hell shall not  
prevail against it.”  
(Matthew 16:17-18)*



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## How We're Connected to the Rock

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”*

*(John 1:1)*

*“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

*(John 1:14)*

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*“The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)*



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*“Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17)*

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**The Living  
Word of God**

**Confession  
and Faith**

**Hearing  
and Doing**

**JESUS CHRIST**



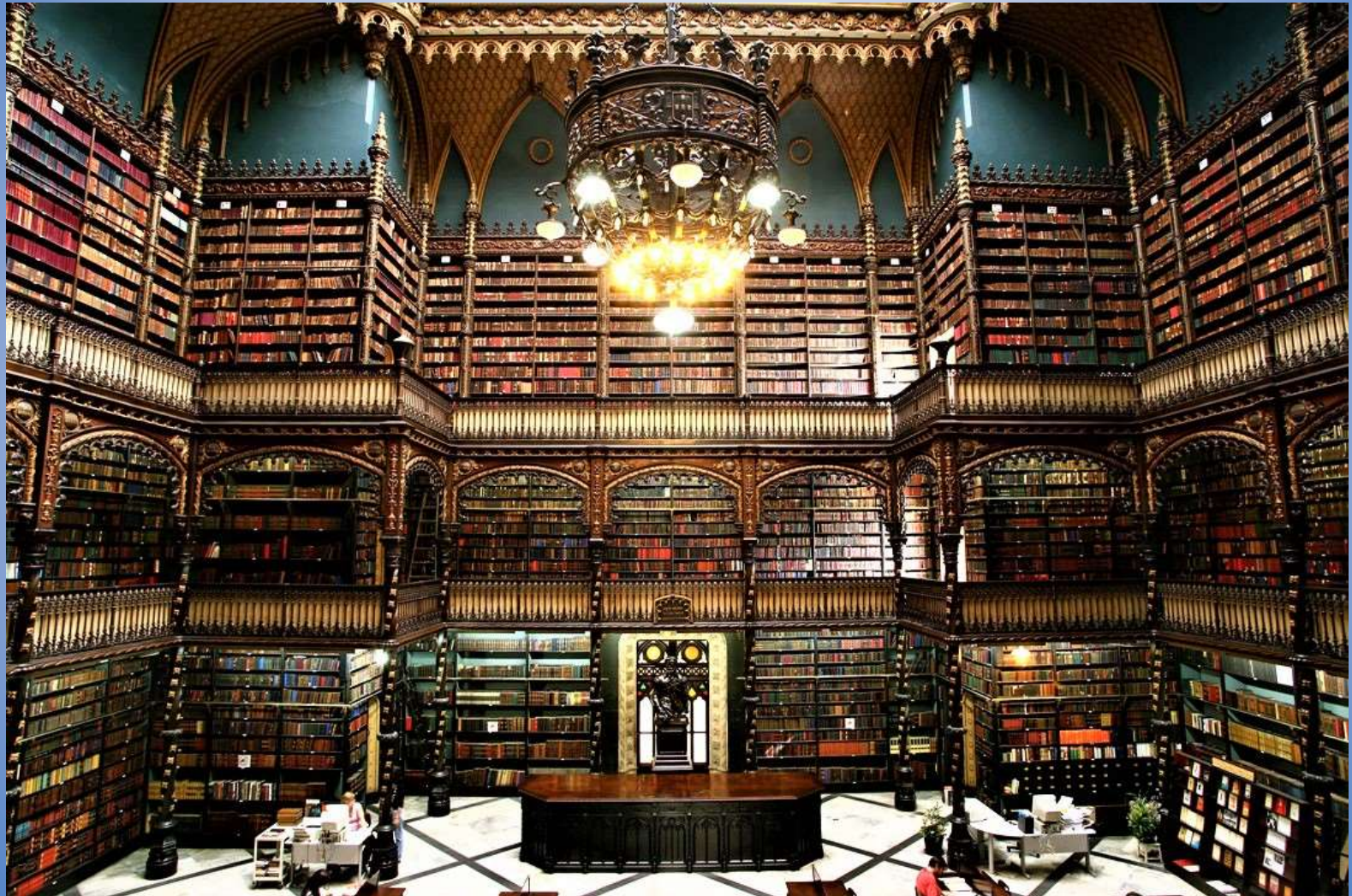


# **Why Is the Bible So Important?**

**HOLY  
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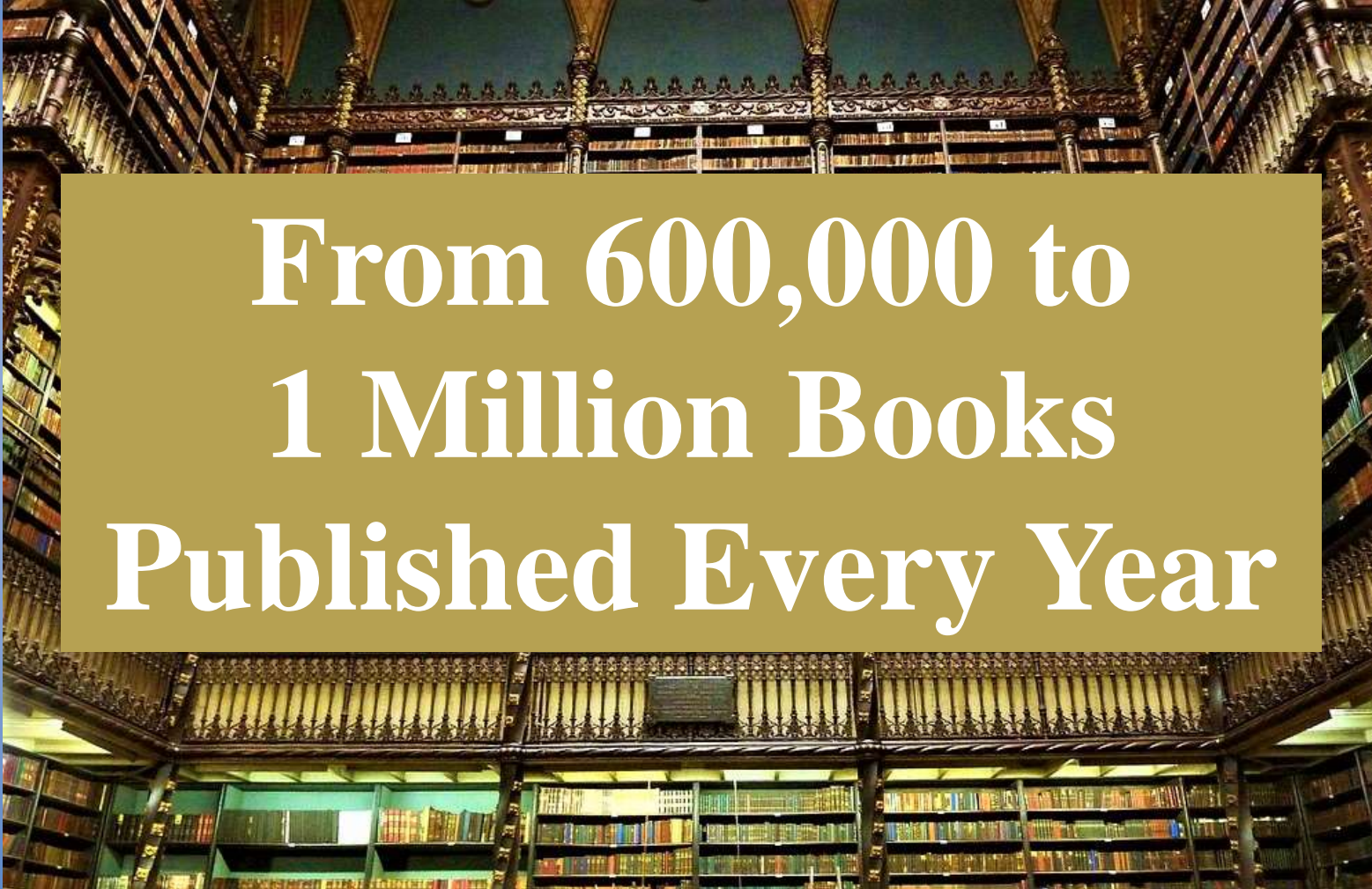
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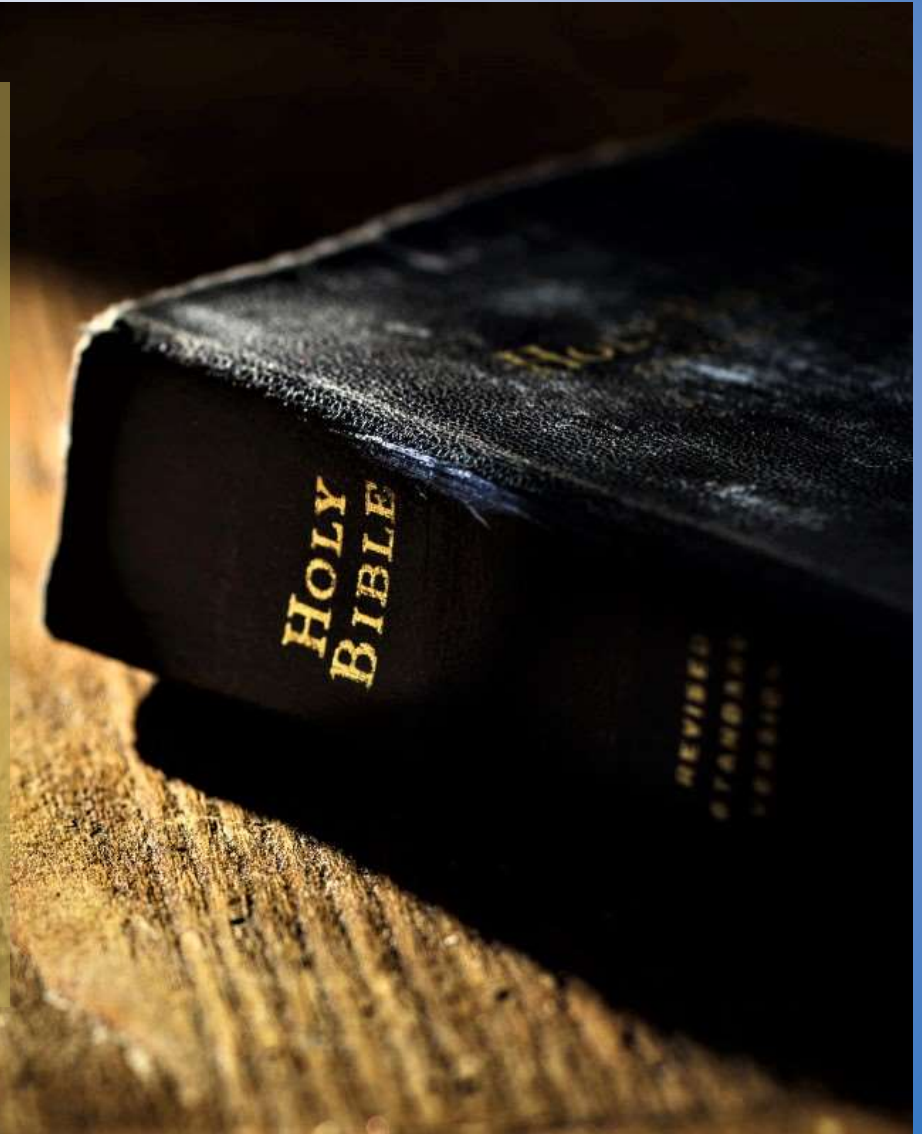
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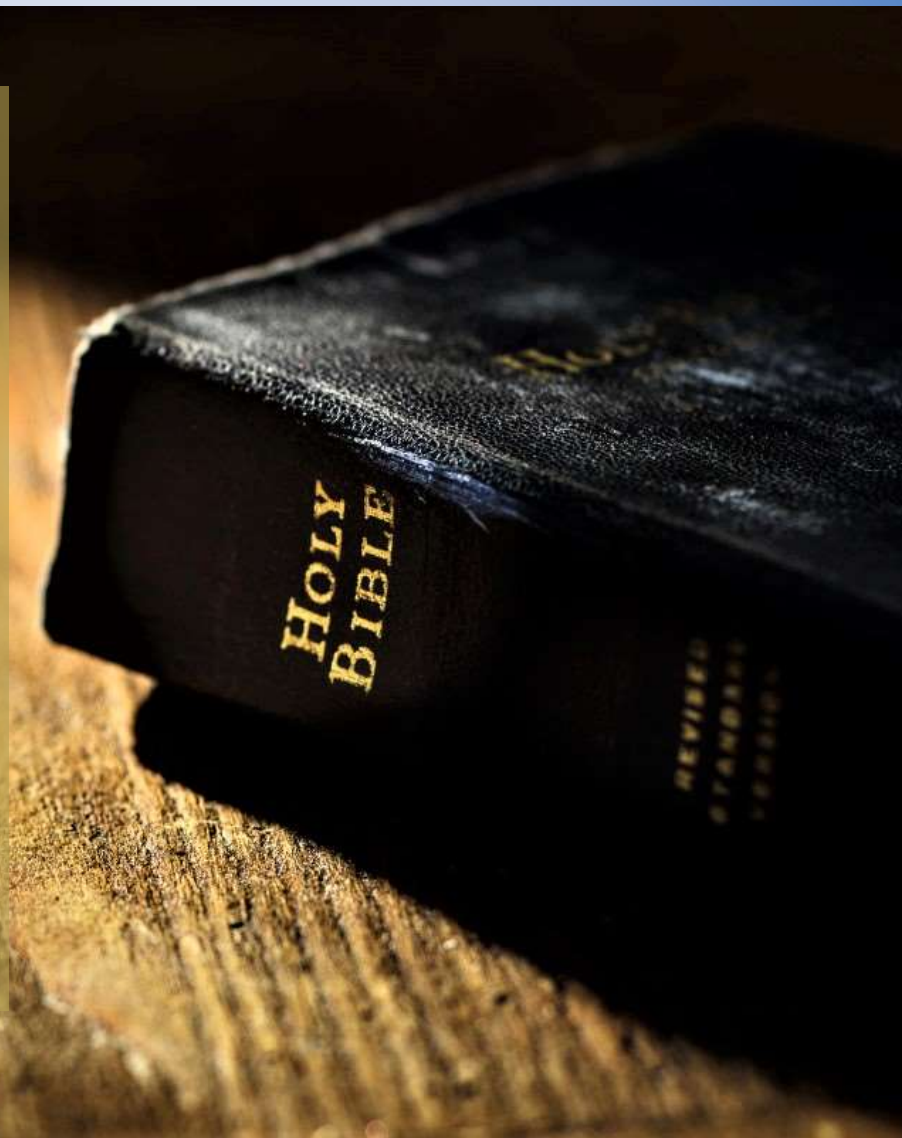
“The Bible is the most circulated book in the history of the world. It’s been this way since the innovation of the Gutenberg press in the 1450’s when the Bible in Latin was the first large book to be printed by moveable type.”





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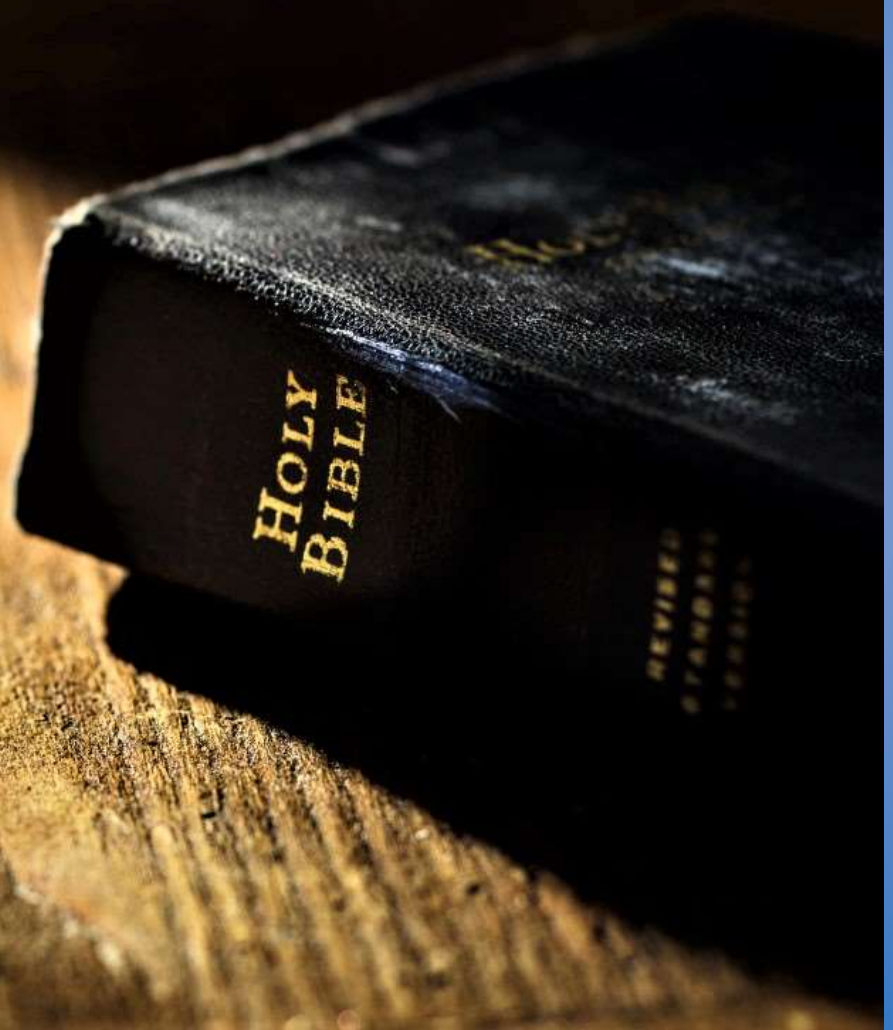
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“...scripture sections were published in over 2,000 languages. The press runs keep growing every year.”

– The Christian History Institute

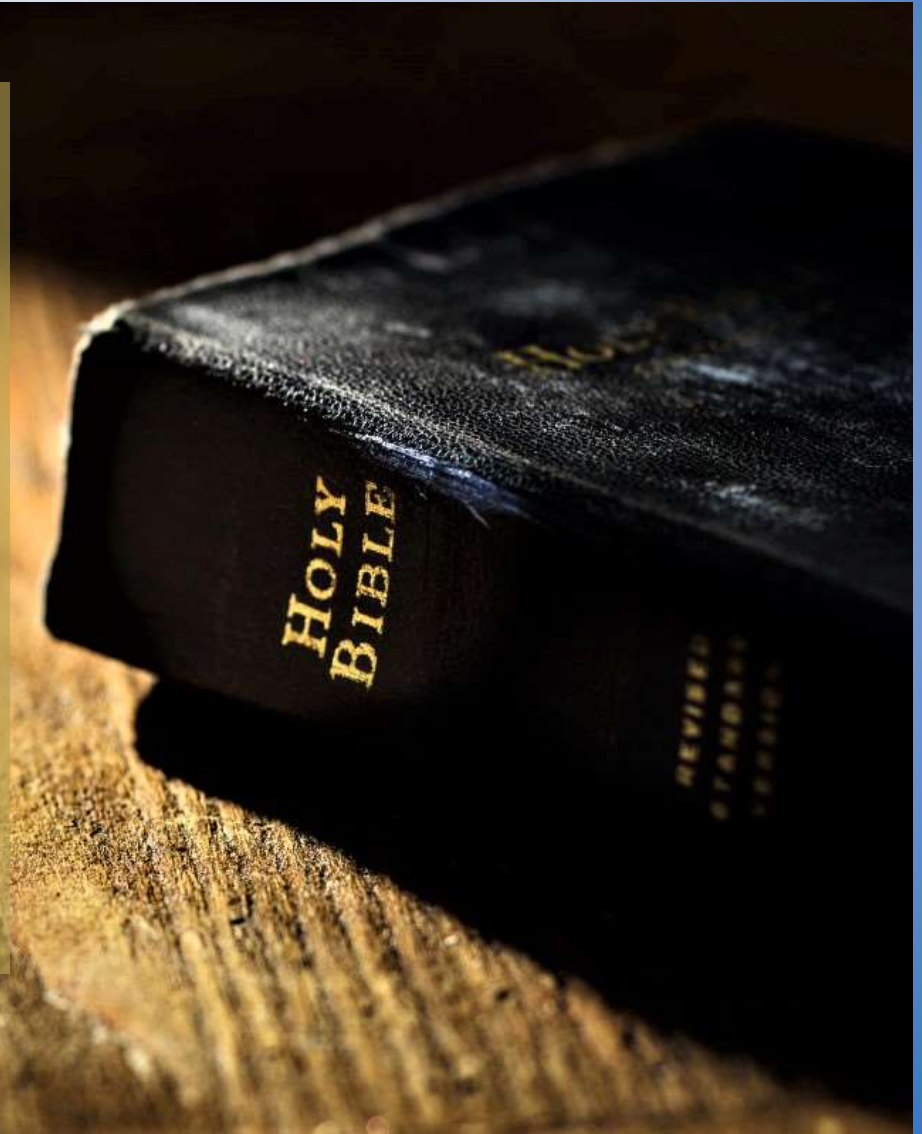




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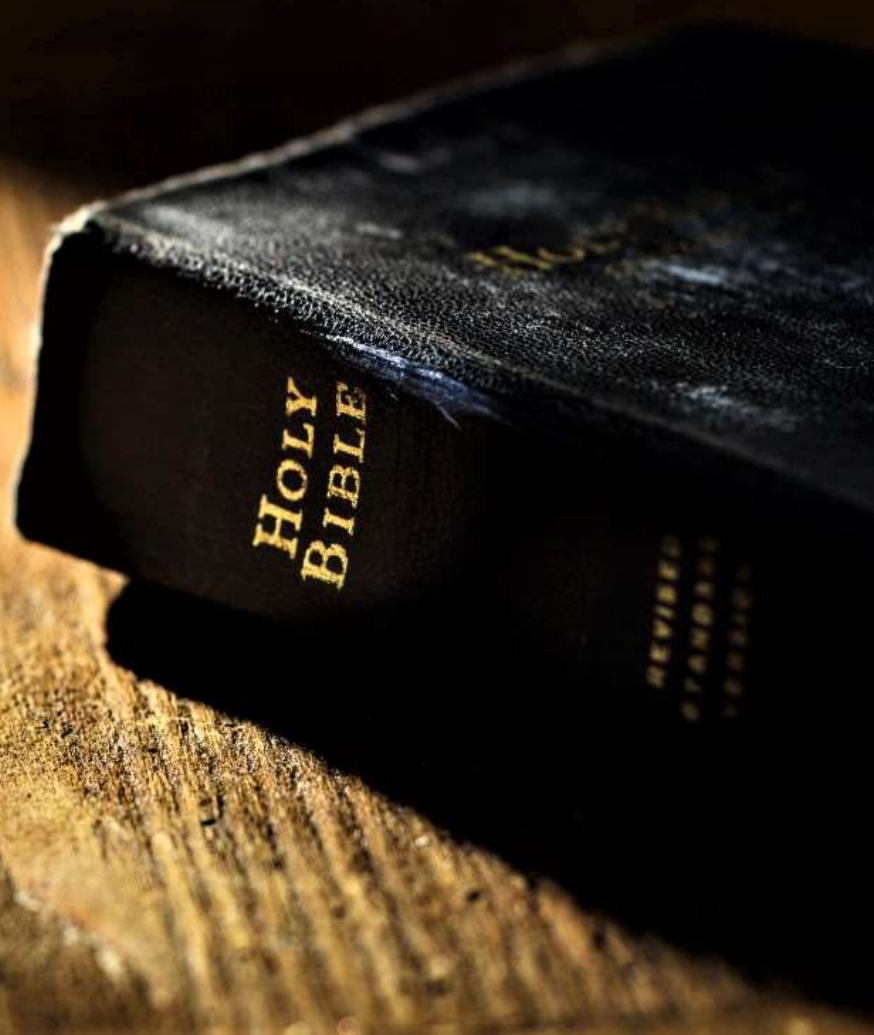
**The Bible deals with the basic questions we all face:**

- **Whether life has a purpose.**
- **How we view ourselves and humanity.**
- **How we're to treat each other.**
- **Whether there is a God.**
- **How God reaches down to us.**
- **How we can find God.**

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“All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated through this book...All things desirable to men are contained in the Bible.”

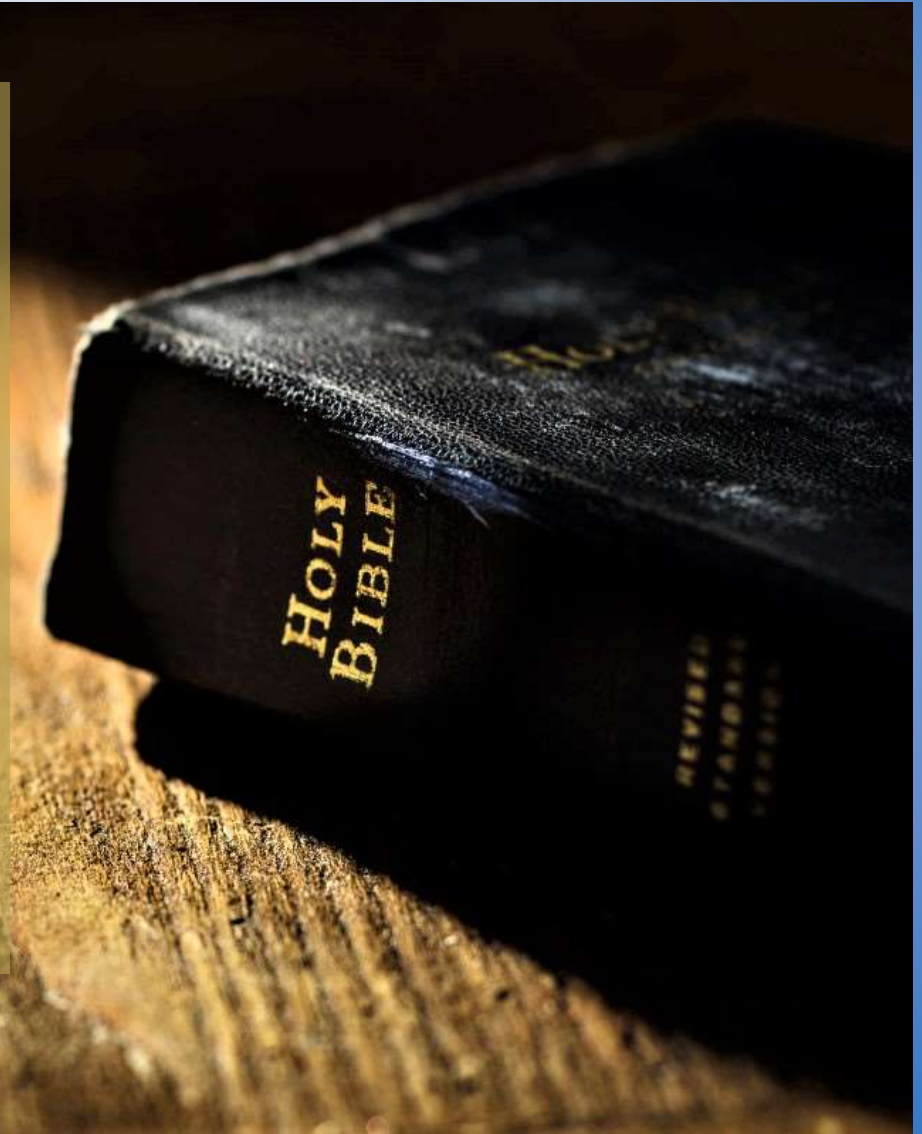
– Abraham Lincoln



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“It would be more consistent that we call it the work of a demon than the word of God. It is a history of wickedness that has served to corrupt and brutalize mankind.”

– Thomas Paine





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## **Why Is the Bible So Important?**

**Most cultural issues can be distinguished by one's view of the Bible.**

- **Work and Career**
- **Marriage and Family**
- **Relationships and Sexuality**
- **Social Involvement and Charity**
- **Politics and Government**
- **War and Peace**
- **Life and Death**

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## **Why Is the Bible So Important?**

**We must honestly evaluate our view of the Bible and how we regularly put it into practice.**

- Do I take the Bible for granted?**
- Have I allowed cultural views of truth and the Bible to affect how I see it and use it?**
- Do I study and accept only certain parts of Scripture?**



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## **Why Is the Bible So Important?**

**We must honestly evaluate our view of the Bible and how we regularly put it into practice.**

- **How well can I explain the importance of the Scriptures?**
- **How well can I defend the integrity and truth of the Bible?**

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# The Benefits of Knowing God's Word



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## The Benefits of Knowing God's Word

- **TRUTH**

*“Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’” (John 8:31-32)*

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## The Benefits of Knowing God's Word

- **BLESSING**

*“Blessed...are those who hear the Word of God and obey it.” (Luke 11:28)*

*“Wisdom preserves the life of its possessor.”  
(Ecclesiastes 7:12)*



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## The Benefits of Knowing God's Word

- **GUIDANCE**

*“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” (Psalm 119:105)*

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- GROWTH

*“Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.”  
(1 Peter 2:2)*



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## The Benefits of Knowing God's Word

- **POWER**

*“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.” (Romans 1:16)*

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# Necessary Beliefs in God's Word



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## Necessary Beliefs in Gods Word

1. The Bible is INFALLIBLE in its totality.

a. It is unfailing in its purpose.

*“The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.” (Psalm 19:7)*

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## Necessary Beliefs in Gods Word

2. The Bible is **INERRANT** in its parts.

a. It is free from error in all it affirms.

*“Every word of God is flawless. He is a shield to those who take refuge in him.” (Proverbs 30:5)*

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## Necessary Beliefs in Gods Word

### 3. The Bible is AUTHORITATIVE.

- a. It has the right to prescribe all our beliefs and actions.

*“Your Word, O LORD, is eternal. It stands firm in the heavens.” (Psalm 119:89)*



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## Necessary Beliefs in Gods Word

### 4. The Bible is SUFFICIENT.

#### a. It contains all needed information for living.

*“His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.” (2 Peter 1:3)*

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## Necessary Beliefs in Gods Word

### 5. The Bible is LIFE-GIVING.

- a. It provides access to and assurance of salvation.

*“These [accounts of Jesus] are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:31)*

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## Necessary Beliefs in Gods Word

### 6. The Bible is TRUSTWORTHY.

#### a. It accomplishes what it promises.

*“My Word that goes out from my mouth...will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11)*



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## **What Would I Tell You?**

**What would I tell you about the Bible?**

- **The Bible has changed my life.**
- **The Bible has opened the door for me to the life, character, and love of God.**
- **The Bible is full of mystery that's beyond me.**
- **The Bible is full of simple truth and practical advice.**

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## **What Would I Tell You?**

**What would I tell you about the Bible?**

- **The Bible tells the story of stories in which I find myself an active character.**
- **The Bible reminds me why words and language exist and how they should best be used.**
- **The Bible gives me assurance that I can live a life of meaning that pleases God.**

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## What Would I Tell You?

**What would I tell you about the Bible?**

- **The Bible is a tool, a friend, a comfort, a motivator, a reason to live well.**
- **The Bible is a gold mine of riches that proves its worth the deeper I dig.**
- **The Bible is a gift that needs to be constantly unwrapped to enjoy it fully.**



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