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## “Why Do You Rely On The Bible That Much?”

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I received the above question recently from someone who has been watching our YouTube videos. Answering the first question led to a larger conversation that I have included below. I have not edited the spelling, etc., but have edited the thread for space. I hope what is printed below will help us when we are asked why we do what we do religiously.

**Question #1** – “Why do you rely on the bible that much?”

**Answer** – Hello -- you have asked a great question. Here are some reasons why I rely upon the Bible so much. 1) It is the inspired word of God (II Tim. 3:16-17; II Pet. 1:20-21). This means God “breathed out” the words to certain folks through history, and they wrote God’s word down so we can know what God’s will is. 2) It is God’s word that reveals the gospel that saves us (Rom. 1:16). 3) God’s word is what will be the standard by which we are judged at the end of time (Jn. 12:48). 4) It is God’s word that instructs us on how to act from day-to-day (Matt. 7:12; I Pet. 3:10-13). For these reasons, I want to live by what the Lord has revealed. Also, I want to teach the Bible to others so they know what to do to be saved and have a home in Heaven when this life is over. Thanks for writing ....

**Question #2** – I agree. However, we much not rely on the bible as if it is Jesus. We should go to the source, which is Jesus himself. We should be able to hear his voice. I hope this helps. Pray to Jesus and ask him for yourself though. God bless you....

**Answer** – To read the Bible is to hear the words of Christ (I Cor. 14:37; II Pet. 3:1-2). Christ does not speak to us independently of what the Bible says. Yes, the Holy Spirit inspired men (II Pet.

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1:20-21; I Cor. 2:9-13). Yet, the point was they were to write down the things the Holy Spirit said so that future generations would know the Lord's will (Ex: Revelation 1:11, 2:1, 8, 12, 18, 3:1, 7, 14)! It was not true that God would keep speaking to people over and over again. He has already given us "all things that pertain to life and godliness" in His word (II Pet. 1:3). Thanks.

**Question #3** – No Jesus speaks to us. How are going to know what he wants you to do if you cant hear him daily. He said that my sheep hear his voice. Your knowledge of the bible, or your nice idea's is not Jesus speaking to you. His sheep hear his voice, and if you don't hear his voice than your'e not his. I haven't heard his voice, but I'm seeking to. God bless you....

**Answer** – Please go back and read the verses I provided. They answer your questions. The Bible has been "once and for all delivered" to us (Jude 3). If Christ spoke to you personally, what would He say that hasn't already been said in His word? That is what we need to understand. His will is already revealed, and in such a form as we can have access 24/7. Yes, the sheep of Christ hear the shepherd's voice, and since Christ has ascended back to God's right hand (Acts 1:9-11), we need to listen to His recorded words in Scripture. If you have yet to hear the audible voice of Jesus, this ought to tell you something. We need to listen to the words that are recorded in Scripture. These are the words that save (Rom. 1:16) and give us spiritual life (Jn 6:63b). Thanks.

## Why Eat The Lord's Supper Every Week?

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In Acts 20:7, we read about the disciples gathering together to break bread; that is, to take the Lord's Supper. We find multiple examples of this throughout the New Testament (1 Cor. 11:23-29; Matt. 26:26-29; Mark. 14:22-25; Lk. 22:14-23). The question many will ask when it comes to partaking of the Lord's Supper is, "Why eat the Lord's Supper every week?" Why would God have us follow this pattern in our worship every single week? Is this a mere ritualistic act, or is there something more to it?

We are commanded to partake of the Lord's Supper every first day of

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the week because we need a frequent reminder of Christ's sacrifice. We need to make the gospel part of our heart, soul, and mind. We need the weekly reminder that it is the power of God that saved us and brought us to Christ (Rom. 1:16-17). We must continue to grow and never stop (II Pet. 3:18).

Every week, I need the reminder of God's love for me because I have an enemy who is trying to undermine that love. I need the reminder that God loved me so much that He was willing to give up His only Son for my sake (Jn. 3:16). I often lose sight of that because my car won't start this week, and other inconveniences. I may lose sight of this because I have to endure great hardships and trials. Sometimes, in the midst of life's storms, my faith can waver. I begin to question God's love when Satan is attacking me. Satan will attack me in any way that he can in order to undermine God's love (1 Pet. 5:8).

I need to be reminded every week in the Lord's Supper what the most important event in history is. It is easy to be distracted by elections, wars, shootings, and various tragedies. These can cause a welling up of emotion and can cause us to lose sight of the most tragic event to ever happen in history: The sinless and innocent Son of God suffering the cruel death on the cross for my sake. While I may not forget that Jesus died for my sake on the cross, perhaps I do sometimes forget where I should put Him in my life's priorities.

I partake of the Lord's Supper every week because I need the reminder that I have sinned and I am not a perfect person. The Lord's Supper keeps my pride in check which so often likes to justify, cover up, excuse, or even deny my sin. The reminder of the Lord's Supper keeps my despair in check when I recognize the sin I have committed against God and don't allow myself to think that all hope is lost and I cannot gain forgiveness. I need the reminder that I am not saving myself, nor did I ever have the ability to do so. It is God saving me.

Each week, I need the reminder that in the week ahead I am going to face major battles, face an overwhelming enemy, and I don't know what is in store for me. However, through Jesus Christ I have promise of victory against my enemy, comfort in my trials, and the ability to keep on serving Him through it all.

The Lord's Supper was never intended to be some common and mundane ritual as some of our denominational friends will argue. If you

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find that the Lord's Supper loses meaning because you partake of it every first day of the week, I propose it is because you are not focusing on the sacrifice that was made for your sake. We as humanity need this constant reminder of what Christ has done for us. God recognized our need for such a reminder because He knows just how forgetful we are. We should use this time every first day of the week to focus our hearts and minds on serving a savior who has done so much for us.



## Spotlight On A Bible Verse: Matthew 1:21

*“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”* God's angel spoke to Joseph and promised him that his betrothed wife Mary, now pregnant, was carrying the Son of God. After millennia of waiting, the Promised Messiah was ready to enter the world. His name Jesus means “Savior” because this was His promised work. He would save mankind from sin and make it possible for us to escape Satan's kingdom (Matt. 1:22-23). As we assemble today to worship, let us remember the Messiah who came into this world to save us from sin. Let us also remember the man and woman who were chosen by God to serve as parents for the Son of God during those crucial years.

- Jarrod Jacobs



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