Fair Grove Church of Christ

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Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word. Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law. I am a stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your commandments from me. (Psalm 119:17-19)

Our next Song Night will be Wednesday August 30, 2023.

Please join us for an evening of song and prayer!

Article

The Bible IS the Truth - Isaac Helterbrand

For as long as the Bible has existed there have been those who doubt the fact that it is the words of the eternal God. However, throughout history, it is rare for those who assert this idea to be the very same religious people who claim we must do what the Bible says. The idea that the Bible is just a book, not the actual word of God, has once again begun to rare its ugly head. My goal is to prepare you with some fundamental verses and truths about the Bible.

We can know all of what God expects of people through studying the Bible. Paul commanded the Ephesians to "understand what the will of the Lord is" (Ephesians 5:17). What other way is there to do that than through the words the Lord has given us? Where many people get confused is when they think, 'to understand God's will I read the Bible because it is a book about God's will.' Rather our thought should be 'to understand God's will I will read the Bible because it *IS* God's will.'

We know everything we need to know that is "absolutely true" through reading the Bible. Jesus prayed to the Father in John 17:17 "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." This fact, that God's word is truth, excludes all other sources that provide information contrary to what the Bible teaches. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." The scripture makes us thoroughly equipped and it makes us complete. We don't need anything else!

The Bible is not a book designed to inspire our speculative minds. It is designed as a window into God's mind and an instruction manual for how to please Him. Moses told the Israelites, "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law" (Deuteronomy 29:29). The principle laid out by Moses still rings true. That which God has not revealed to us does not need to be discovered, uncovered, thought of, or in any other way revealed. If someone claims to have learned something God has not revealed, the information is from their own mind or another man. We have what we need, as Paul states, "we have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16).

The Bible is inspired by God. In 2 Timothy 3:16 (read above), Paul uses the greek word *theopneustos* meaning "divinely breathed." The Bible is God speaking to us by the breath of His mouth. It is not a collection of writings that mere men wrote. God's authorship is perfect. We must hold to this truth if we desire to maintain our faith. Losing the belief that the Bible was authored by God Himself would be absolutely devastating.

Hold to the truths of the Bible! Study your Bible well so you will not be "carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting..."

About Us

We are a church that seeks to honor and glorify God by obedience to His word. We believe the Bible to be the inspired and infallible word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and only through following the Bible alone can we faithfully serve and worship Him. Please come visit to join us in learning about God's will and worshipping Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23).

Invitation

The culture at Fair Grove Church of Christ is one of learning, growth, and love. Each of us wants to go to heaven and we are all willing to help each other out along the way. We study the Bible together to learn how to live and how to worship. We hold each other accountable in a kind and compassionate way. The most wonderful quality about this group of Christians is that they exemplify what it means to be God's family. We sincerely hope you will come and be our guest, and eventually join God's family here at Fair Grove Church of Christ!

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Meeting Times

Sunday

- 10:00AM Bible Study
- 11:00AM Worship Service

Wednesday

- 7:00PM Bible Study

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