

# Why Read the Bible?

The Bible is the perfect book—correct in its every claim, authoritative in its every demand, helpful for every worthy pursuit, relevant for every generation and culture, necessary for every individual, accurate in its historical accounts, flawless in its prophecies of things to come, boundless in its ability to make God known, trustworthy in its every promise, consistent and cohesive in all its passages, and reliable and complete as a resource for meeting every spiritual need. It speaks to the intellect, and to the heart. It gives wisdom, and knowledge.

It has stood the test of time, proving itself unlimited in its power to withstand scrutiny of the honest seeker, and even the assault of disingenuous attacks thrust upon it by those of hard hearts who distort what it says or who are just unwilling to read it with an open mind.

What's more, the Bible is God's personal message for you. It applies to all of humanity as a whole, but it also speaks to you personally as an individual. It was written with you in mind. It contains information you must understand if you want to go to heaven. God requires you to know Him, and He will judge you when you die based on your response to what He has revealed in the Bible, whether you've chosen to read it or not. God loves you and wants fellowship with you; and He wrote this book so that through it, He could establish a relationship with you, that will begin in this life, and grow, and last forever. You were created in God's image, so you will never cease to be. You will exist somewhere forever. And whether your eternal state is one of infinite joy or unspeakable suffering is entirely dependent upon whether or not you come in this life to know God personally as He has presented Himself in the Bible. There is no other source of information that can replace the Bible as a guide on the road to heaven. No human teacher of any religion or faith can speak truth apart from what God has said in this book. No religious tradition you follow instead of the Bible can help you.

And the Bible has answers, help, and comfort for every problem or issue you are facing today. If you live to be 110, you will never face any trial or tragedy outside the bounds of the Bible's ability to help. It contains the answer to grief, to pain, to sorrow, to rejection, to every form of problem in human relationships, to loneliness, to depression, to anger, to violence, to hunger, to guilt, to sins you've committed, to sins committed against you, to family problems, to work problems, to money problems, to health problems, to ignorance, to bigotry, to war, to poverty, to terrorism, to fear, to death, to loss, to how to pray effectively, and to every other thing.

Don't miss out. Read it. Believe it. Study it. Learn it. Find life in Christ through it. Share it with others.