

More on the Bible

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This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

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Those who claim to be Christians give great lip service to the Bible. However, if you happen to attend a Bible class in any church of Christ today you are likely to find very few who have studied their lessons based upon the Word of God. It seems as though we believe that attending Bible class and worship is enough. Somehow just “hearing” the Word taught will enter the heart and soul by some imaginary osmosis! In reality, every Bible class you attend – prepared or not – is a **test** of your true spiritual self.

You may not be rebuked by the elders, you may not be called out by the teacher, but you are certainly observed by God. What does He think of you when you have essentially **ignored** His holy Word?

Dear reader, dear brother and sister in Christ, take seriously your privilege and opportunity to study the Word of God! You will not have a copy of it with you once you die. What you have committed to memory and to the heart is all that will be there. *But rest assured that God will remember every word of it, and it will be used as the book of eternal determinations.*

“For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.” (Romans 2:11-16)

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