



The Christian and His Bible
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1 Peter 2:2



I. Because its Creator is **God** (2 Tim. 3:16)

- When we stand before God, and discover all of the missed opportunities on earth, I think that the lack of prayer and **Bible reading** may be our deepest regrets.
- Wouldn't it be great to look at God and say, "I read your book!"

II. Because of the **Command** to Read It (Josh. 1:8; 2 Tim. 2:15; Mt. 4:4)

QUOTE: Not every part of the Bible is equally **inspiring**, but all is equally **inspired!**

III. Because it is God's Chosen **Tool**

- A. To Save **Sinners** (Rom. 10:13-17; Acts 2:14; 2:37; 8:4-8; 1 Pet. 1:23; James 1:18)
- B. To Sanctify **Saints** (Jn. 17:17; 1 Pet. 2:2; 1 Thess. 4:3; Ps. 119:9-11; Prov. 30:5-6; Jn. 15:7; Acts 20:32)

IV. Because of the Craftiness of **Satan** (Mt. 4:5,6; Ps. 91:11-12)

QUOTE: One day when the devil had nothing better to do, he must have sat down and studied [Psalm 91](#). Many Christians today have probably never even **read** this Psalm, but the devil apparently has it **memorized!**

Thus, we need to read God's Word lest Satan get an advantage upon us.
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V. Because of the **Comfort** we Obtain (2 Tim. 4:6-8, 13)

- In Paul's last hours, he wanted something to warm his **body**, the cloak.
- He wanted something to warm his **mind**, the books.
- He wanted something to warm his **soul**, the scrolls of Old Testament Scripture.
- If Paul needed this, and it would do him for his dying day ...
- How much more do we need the comfort of the Word of God!

VI. Because of the **Confidence** We Gain

- A. As to My **Origin** (Gen. 1:26, 27; Ps. 100:3)
- B. As to My **Purpose** (Eccl. 12:13; Rev. 4:11)
- C. As to My **Destiny** - Where am I going? (Jn. 3:16-18; Ps. 23:1, 6; Rev. 20:15)

VII. Because of the **Contemporary** Nature of its Application

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- A. **There will be no opportunity to apply 1 Corinthians 10:13 in heaven.**
Reason: In heaven there will be no **temptation**.
- B. **There will be no opportunity to apply 1 John 1:9 in heaven.**
Reason: In heaven there will be no **sin**.
- C. **There will be no opportunity to apply Philippians 4:19 in heaven.**
Reason: In heaven there will be no **need**.
- D. **There will be no opportunity to apply John 14:1-3 in heaven.**
Reason: In heaven there will be no **sorrow**.
- E. **There will be no opportunity to apply Psalm 23:4 in heaven.**
Reason: In heaven there will be no **death**.

VIII. Because the only ultimate **proof** for our faith is the Bible.

- A. You *couldn't* say, "I know I'm right because I **feel** I'm right! Christ lives in my heart!"
- B. You *couldn't* say, "I know I'm right because Christianity has more **followers** in this world than any other religion."
- C. You *couldn't* say, "I know I'm right because Christianity is the **oldest** of all religions."
- D. **The Only Ground to Stand Upon (Heb. 11:1-6; Jn. 20:31)**

QUOTE: But he has presented us with a heavenly textbook to aid us in this needed faith. In fact, the Gospel of John was specifically written "... that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" [Jn. 20:31](#)).