

What is our attitude toward the Bible?

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Introduction

1. Romans 1:16; Hebrews 4:12
2. The apostle declares that the Gospel of Christ is powerful enough to save the souls of men.
3. This law of pardon is all that man needs to accomplish his release from sin and enjoy eternal salvation. James 1:21
4. If the above is true, and it is, then what is our attitude toward the Bible?
 - a. All else is superfluous useless and damaging.
 - b. Is it precious to you?
 - c. Will you believe and obey the word of God?
 - d. Are we making in none effect in your life? Mark 7:13
 - i. We can do this by ignoring what the Bible says
 - ii. We can do this by changing what the Bible says.
5. What is your attitude toward the Bible?
6. Let us notice some ways in which the Gospel is described in the Scriptures.

II Discussion

1. The Gospel is perfect. Psalm 19:7; James 1:25
 - a. That which is complete cannot be improved upon by adding or subtracting. Galatians 1:6-9 Revelation 22:18-19
 - b. The law of Moses was not perfect. Hebrews 7:19
 - i. It was only a shadow of good things to come. Hebrews 10:1
 - ii. Eternal life was not known with any degree of certainty until Jesus came. Hebrews 9:8
2. The Gospel is powerful Romans 1:16
 - a. The word power is from the Greek dunamis
 - i. This is the word from which we get dynamite
 - ii. The Gospel is God's dynamite, it is powerful. It is the plan by which God exerts His power in the salvation of mankind.
 - iii. This is God's plan not man
 - iv. It is not feeble or ineffectual but mighty 2 Corinthians 10:4
 - b. It is powerful enough to deliver man from sin and spiritual death and to salvation in heaven.
 - i. If I desire to show others salvation it must be the same power that Paul showed to others.
 - ii. If I desire to have salvation from sin and be saved eternally I must obey this same Gospel that Paul preached.
3. The Gospel is complete 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - a. The all sufficiency and the absolute adaptability of the Bible to meet the demands of the human family is stated in this passage.
 - i. He has given us all that we need. 2 Peter 1:3
 - ii. We are to give only book chapter and verse for what we believe. 1 Peter 4:11 (more on this later).

- iii. If I accept and ritual, handbook, catechism, manual, discipline, confession of faith, or prayer book to govern my religious activities, would be to make void the all sufficiency of the scriptures stated in this passage.
- iv. If the Bible thoroughly furnishes a man unto every good work, then why have another book?
- v. If I accept another book then I have state my lack of trust in the all sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures.
- b. Some things that are taught in 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - i. The scriptures are given by the inspiration of God thus distinguishing them from the writings of men.
 - ii. The scriptures are profitable for doctrine (teaching); reproof Ephesians 5:11; 2 Timothy 4:2; Correction they lead one to amend one's life
 - iii. The Gospel furnishes instruction in holiness and right living.
- 4. The Gospel is enduring Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 1:23, 25
 - a. It is unmoved, fixed and permanent.
 - i. World powers come and go but God's word is still here
 - ii. The Gospel system is as lovely now as it was when God drew up the plan and it has as much power to save as when first applied to a human heart.
 - b. Since it will endure forever it is that by which we will be judged John 12:48; Romans 2:16

Conclusion

1. Since the word of the Lord, or the Gospel is perfect, powerful complete and enduring why does it not save all men?
2. God said His word would not return unto Him void Isaiah 55:11
3. God said He would have all men to be saved 1 Timothy 2:4
4. God said He is not willing that any should perish... 2 Peter 3:9
5. The problem is that some will not come to God. John 5:40
6. If you have not obeyed the Gospel then you are not saved because only those who obey the Bible are saved Romans 1:16
7. Come believing repenting confessing and then be baptized.

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