

Reminder:
Barnabas Group meeting: Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Benefits of the Bible...

1 Thessalonians 2:13 “...when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accented it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.”

Psalm 119:105 “Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.”

Psalm 119:67 “Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Thy word.”

September Birthdays

3 Wendy Cortes	11 Marie Burruss	24 Mason Perales
4 Nicole Stopper	15 Marcos Perales	30 Kurt Hoffman
6 Melinda McCollum	16 Jim Burruss	30 Dortha Gentry

September Anniversaries

13 Luis & Wendy Cortes

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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A Tribute to the Bible

By Franklin Camp

This Bible is no ordinary book. It may affect us in one of two ways: properly studied and applied, it will affect us for good in time and eternity; improperly handled, it will cause us to lose our soul.

The Bible is every man's book. It is not intended for a special group (clergy or scholars). It is written for the average person. Scholars may study it and marvel at its depth, but common folks may study and joy in its simplicity.

No one ever outgrows the Scriptures. The more one studies them, the wider and deeper they become. The Bible is the one book which enables one to look into eternity. The best evidence for the Bible's inspiration is found between its covers. No one will ever be a useful Christian unless he knows the Bible. Matthew Henry said, "The Scriptures were not written to make us astronomers, but to make us saints. "It is no wonder that Paul urged Timothy to study the Scripture, "rightly dividing," or handling aright, the word of truth, that he might be an approved workman before God (2 Timothy 2:15). There is no higher ambition on earth. The Bible acknowledges man's faults; it is patient with man's weaknesses; it is severe with man's sins; and it is honest with his virtues and his hopes.

To own a Bible is to be rich. To study, to know, and to trust the Bible is to find life. To study the Bible is to be wise; to obey it, to be strong. To know the Bible and to handle it aright is the greatest accomplishment within the reach of any person. One may know English, astronomy, literature, music, sociology, and philosophy; but if one does not know the Bible, one has failed in the only subject that brings all things into their proper relationship and that enables one to know life at its best. One seeking to know the Bible will endeavor to study its contents book by book, meet its

characters as they unfold through its pages, study its types, its doctrine, its topics, paragraphs, sentences, and words. This is the work of a lifetime.

The Bible can save many a heartache. The following was found on the fly-leaf of a Bible placed by the Gideons in a motel in Birmingham, Alabama: “May God bless the man who placed this book here. I am a young lady twenty-one years old, fatherless and motherless. Tonight this book saved me from taking a wrong step. May the next reader find it the comfort that I did.”

There is no greater accomplishment in life than to be able to rightly divide the word of truth. It is worth all the sacrifice necessary. One can never be truly great who does not know the word, love it, live it, delight in it, and teach it without perversion and without misrepresentation. The one who knows how to handle it is in a position to render the greatest service to the world.

The Bible is a mirror that enables us to see ourselves as we really are. It is food which supplies the strength we need, a lamp to guide our way, a hammer to break and to build, a sword to fight and to defend, a seed to plant and grow, and a goal to own and to attain. There are no experiences in life for which the Bible does not furnish a passage. May these thoughts lend encouragement to all of us to become diligent students that we may know the way of life and find the life that is life indeed.

The Bible Judged

Salmon Chase, the sixth Chief Justice of the United States and U.S. Treasury Secretary under Lincoln (1808–1873), said, “There came a time in my life when I doubted the divinity of the Scriptures, and I resolved as a lawyer and a judge I would try the book as I would try anything in the courtroom, taking evidence for and against. It was a long, serious, and profound study; and using the same principles of evidence in this religious matter as I always do in secular matters, I have come to the decision that the Bible is a supernatural book, that it has come from God, and that the only safety for the human race is to follow its teachings.”

Why not begin a serious study of the Bible and decide for yourself whether it is from God or man?

You Gotta be Dumb to Believe the Bible, Right?

(excerpted from article by Allen Webster)

Don't be intimidated by unbelieving philosophers, professors, or scientists. An intelligent, educated person can-and should-believe in God and in the Bible as His Word. Some of the world's greatest men, whose intelligence is indisputable, were believers. Have you ever heard of any of these?

GEORGE WASHINGTON: “It is impossible [for a man] to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible ... The Hand of providence has been so conspicuous in all this, that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith, and more than wicked, that has not gratitude enough to acknowledge his obligations.”

JOHN ADAMS: “The Bible is the best Book in the world.”

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN: “Young man, my advice to you is that you cultivate an acquaintance with and firm belief in the Holy Scriptures, for this is your certain interest. I think Christ's system of morals and religion, as He left them with us, is the best the world ever saw or is likely to see.”

THOMAS JEFFERSON: “I have said and always will say, that the studious perusal of the Sacred Volume will make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands ... The Bible makes the best people in the world.”

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS: “My custom, is to read four or five chapters [of the Bible] every morning immediately after rising ... It ... seems to me the most suitable manner of beginning the day ... It is an invaluable and inexhaustible mine of knowledge and virtue.”

ABRAHAM LINCOLN: “I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book that you can by reason and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man.”

“The fool hath said in his heart, ‘There is no God!’”

Psalm 14:1