



Section 1: Concerning The Bible (Cont.)

Question 5: What is the specific purpose of the Bible?

Answer 5: The specific purpose of the Bible is to reveal the person and work of Jesus Christ for the redemption of man.

Memory Verse: **John 5:39**
Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Support Verses: **John 1:14**
And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 1:1-3

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;
3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Discussion Points:

1. To know the special revelation of God requires our diligent study.

- We cannot understand or know God on a personal level without the special revelation of the word of God.
- The Bible's message is specified in the person of Jesus Christ.
- The revelation of scripture is designed to take man beyond the general understanding of God from creation.
- The revelation of God in creation is not without purpose (Romans 1:18-21), namely, to reveal the eternal power and Godhead, leaving man without excuse.
- That same revelation falls short in revealing the personal nature and desire of God to save his fallen creation.
- Hence the reason for the Bible is to present the eternal Godhead in a relatable being, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Colossians 2:9)
- The written word of God allows for the diligent study of the Godhead in the person of Jesus Christ. (John 5:39)

2. The use of "Word" to describe the Lord Jesus Christ speaks to God's expression of Himself.

- That is, how He has chosen to reveal Himself to man... by Jesus Christ.
- The Greek word "logos" makes for a very interesting word study.



- A very brief look at the meaning includes "that which is spoken, that which is uttered by a living voice, the sayings of God, that which is declared."
- If we apply that use of the word to the word of God we get a clear understanding of God's specific purpose for His word.
- He has a desire that you know Him, and that desire is seen by the fact that He has sought to communicate with you personally.
- The truth is also expressed in this definition that He who has uttered the words of scripture is not some distant, un-relatable, personality of the past, but rather, a present person desiring to relate to you now."
- And certainly not the extent of His revelation, but at least worthy of note, the word is His declaration of Himself to his creation.
- That is, we can know Him, not just know about Him, because of His word.

3. The relationship between the "Word" and the "word" of God.

- There is an undeniable relationship between the Word of God incarnated, and the words of God "inscripturated."
- The Passage in Hebrews 1:1-3 coupled with John 5:39 show us the undeniable connection between the written "logos" and the Eternal Son of God revealed to us as the "logos" in flesh.
- The connection is so clear as to reveal the desire of God for man to know Him, and the lengths that He would go to reveal Himself in such a personal way.
- As the heavens declare the "glory" of God, so the Son declares the "brightness of His glory."
- And the written word of God is our revelation of the Son, so that we too can behold, not just His glory, but the brightness of His glory.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "Across the Lands" (Hymn - #15 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "Wonderful Words Of Life" (Hymn - #181 - Rejoice Hymns)