

Alpha: FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH & LIFE in Christ

Why & How Do I Read the Bible?

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The Bible reveals what truth is.

We can trust the Bible to be historically true.

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(Matt Kinniburgh – June 1, 2014)
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The Bible helps us know _____.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 NIV

From infancy, you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The _____ story of the Bible helps us find our bearings.

1. Created to be image bearers in relationship. (Genesis 1-2)
2. Choosing to live from our own perspective. (Genesis 3)
3. God continues to seek relationship, while we try to do life in our own capacity. (The Old Testament)
4. Jesus shows the way, then makes the way for Reconciliation at every level. (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)
5. Jesus sends his church, through the power of His Spirit, to be His ambassadors of the New Creation. (Acts-Revelation 20)
6. Our future hope: The New Heaven and New Earth. (Revelation 21-22)

The truth of the Bible

defeats the _____ that want to bind us.

Ephesians 6:17 NIV

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Matthew 4:3-4 NIV

The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Jesus is quoting DEUTERONOMY 8:3

Matthew 4:5-7 NIV

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Jesus is quoting DEUTERONOMY 6:16

Matthew 4:8-11 NIV

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Jesus is quoting DEUTERONOMY 6:13

Hebrews 4:12 NIV

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Building my life on the _____ of truth.

1. Make the time each day to read the Bible (Check out the guide).
2. Write down and keep coming back to the truth that God wants to build into your life.
3. Go deeper into the Bible than where you are now.
4. Be open to God showing you the lies that you have believed and replace them with His truth.