

# Who gave us the Bible?

## Three possibilities

1. Good men or angels?
2. Bad men or angels?
3. God – 2 Tim.3:16-17

Why Did God  
Give Us The Bible?

1. To Reveal Himself To Man

# Psalm 19:1-4

- We can know Maker(s) exist without Bible, but without Bible cannot know...

God's  
nature

God's  
character

God's  
will

- Hb.3:4

## Romans 10:...14-18

- Excuse: 'I never heard of this'
- Paul uses Ps.19:4
  - God has spoken, even in OT
  - If Jews had listened, would now believe gospel
  - Heaven AND gospel reach ends of earth. Every synagogue filled...

# Hebrews 1:1-2

- God has spoken
- We communicate with those we love
  - Jn.3:16 . . . 14:9

Problem: a child fears the dark.  
Sad: adults fear the light.

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# Without Bible, we know little about ourselves

1. Our origin, Gn.1:26-27 (Col.3:10)
2. Our objective, Is.43:7 (Col.1:16)
3. Our outcome: unknown without revelation, Ac.17; 1 Co.2; Ph.1:21-23



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1. Evolutionary model pictures man ascending. Ec.7:29
2. Bible describes man as sinner.
  - Physical needs – natural world supplies
  - Spiritual needs – God supplies

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Our spiritual needs illustrated – Ro.3:10

1. The condition: sin, Ro.3:10, 23
2. The consequence: death, Ro.6:23
3. The cure: gospel, Ro.1:16
4. The cost: Jesus' blood, Ro.5:8-9
5. The condition: faith, Ro.3:25; 6:3-4

# If we want salvation, we value truth

Mt.22:16 –

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in Jerusalem: Hillel, Shammai

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# Luke 1:3-4

- Lk.1:63, certain?
- Don't wonder about . . .

Virgin birth

Mt.19:9

Resurrection

Mk.16:16

Mt.16:18

Ep.4:4

# 'But NT is only private letters . . . Not written to us'

- All know difference in private letter and 'epistolary' (literary) form used to convey public message.
- Ac.15:23-29; 16:4
- 1 Co.1:2, to Corinth
  - BUT: to be read by all
  - One pattern, all churches
    - 4:17; 7:17; 14:33. Col.4:16

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3. To Know The Certainty Of God's Word

4. To Produce Faith  
In Our Hearts



## Romans 10:17

- Satan knows powerful effect of words on faith – Lk.8:12 (Gn.3)
- Words persuade nations . . . .
- Words are powerful agents to change minds

# John 20:30-31

Why does John write?

1. We know Jesus only by His revelation: Christ, God's Son
2. We know His will for us only by His revelation
3. His 'written' (2x) revelation produces faith

# John 20:30-31

Why does John write?

4. He promises everlasting life: joy in heaven – Mt.19:16-17, 21, 23, 29
5. John writes 'that' (2x) they will continue to believe (2x) [pres. tense]  
1 Jn.2:19
6. Saving faith obeys: 2:23-24;  
12:42-43 [Ro.10:10; Ac.2:44...]