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The Bible: Book of the Law

Remember always that the **Bible is a book that contains God's laws, God's commandments, God's judgments, God's statutes, His Will, His Way, His knowledge, His secrets and His warnings to mankind.** We are to prove all things by that law book, the Bible (Deut 30:10; Josh. 24:26; Gal. 3:10).

God's Will is God's Ways. **God is righteous in all His Ways and kind in all His deeds** (Psalm 145:17).

Satan has a will, too. His will is rebellion toward God and everything for which He stands. **God's word says mankind is being held captive by Satan to do his will** (2 Tim. 2:26). Revelation 12:9 says Satan has religiously deceived the whole world, and that includes Christians. Satan comes to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10).

Jesus Christ told the Pharisees—who were rebellious against Him and God's Ways—that they were of their father, the devil, and they wanted to do his desires (John 8:44). They could not understand what Jesus was saying to them (John 8:43; 1 John 4:5-6).

The Pharisees gave sermons about God, cast out demons and performed miracles, but they remained preachers of lawlessness because they themselves practiced lawlessness and not righteousness for God's glory in their personal lives (Matt. 7:22-23). These ministers were practicing sin, not righteousness (1 John 3:4). They were full of religious deceit and fraud. They were sons of the devil because they were enemies of all righteousness. They continually

preached that works are not necessary for salvation, but made no mention that good works of faith are necessary for repentance. They continually made God's true message crooked. **God's true Ways are called the straight Ways of the Lord** (Acts 13:10). John the Baptist came

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with the true, straight message of the Lord, called the Way of the Lord (Mark 1:3).

These false ministers were preaching an incomplete message on their own authority (Acts 5:20). They said they were servants of righteousness but they had no deeds of righteousness for repentance, just deeds of lawlessness (2 Cor. 11:15). In short, they did not live to please God, but self.

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Jesus knows what is in man—Satan’s nature that needs to be crushed by the Lord (John 2:25; Rom. 16:20). Jesus says very plainly that if we are not setting our minds on what God wants or on God’s interests, then we are by nature setting our minds on man’s interests—the flesh and the concerns of the world, which is worldliness. He even said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan” (Matt. 16:23). If we are not interested in what God wants to accomplish, we remain sons or daughters of the devil (1 John 3:10).

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The Lord desires that people repent and keep His Ways, and become new creatures (Gal. 6:15). Jesus said to the Pharisees that they were doing the deeds of their father, the devil (John 8:41). He said this because their interests were not God’s interests. They were not practicing righteousness daily for God, so they remained of the devil. Neither did they have a

sincere love for others and their welfare. They only cared about their own selfish interests (1 John 3:10; 1 Cor. 10:24; Rom. 15:2-3).

They were not trying to become servants of the most, as Jesus did as an example to His true followers (Matt. 20:26-28; 23:11; Mark 9:35). Jesus even called one of His disciples a devil because he was against Christ and all that He represented. That disciple was Judas, who later betrayed Him (John 6:70-71).

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Satan’s will is the evil pulls of our flesh. We are to resist Satan and his evil nature within us daily, until Jesus has had a chance to crush him and reveal His new nature in us (Rom. 16:20; Gal. 4:19). God’s Will is what we are to practice daily on this earth as it is in heaven until Satan’s nature is put to death inside our bodies by the Lord (Matt. 6:10; 7:21; 1 John 2:17; Rom. 8:13; Gal. 5:16). It’s as simple as that. □

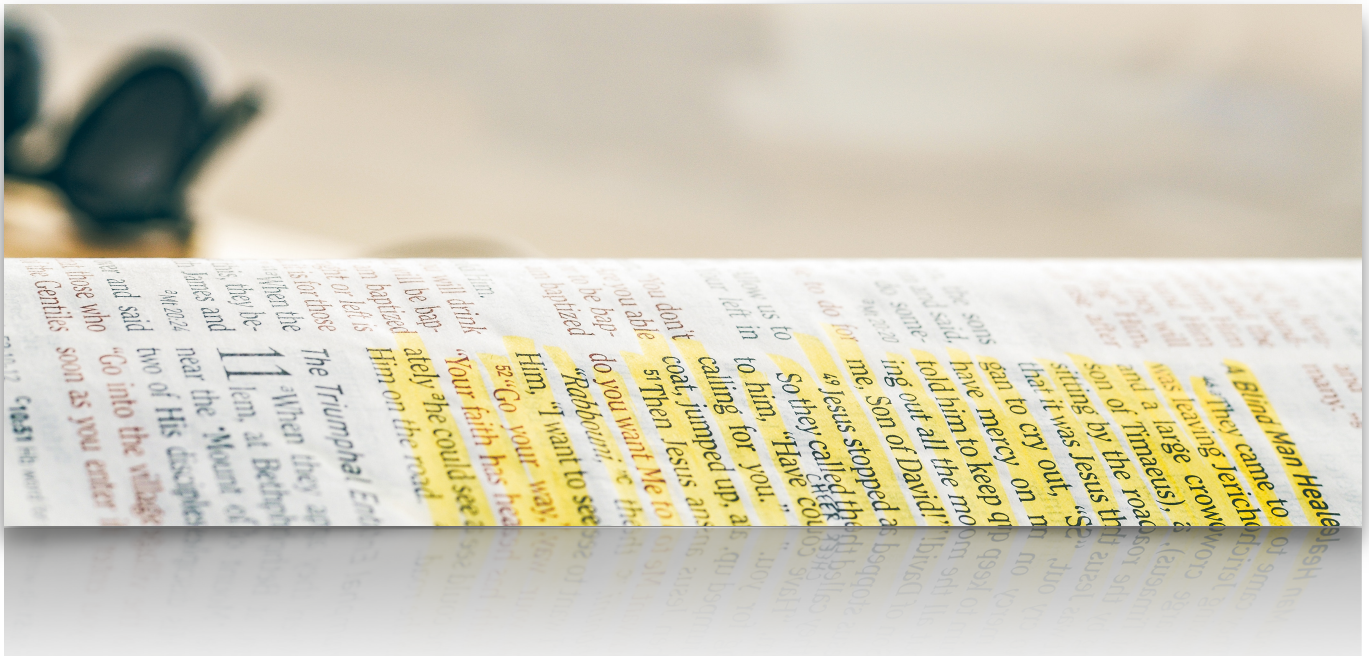
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Romans 15:4

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Is the Bible True?



How do you prove that God's word is true? The truth is it proves itself to be true. For example, genealogy alone proves God's word is true.

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The first chapter of Matthew contains a genealogy that proves Jesus Christ's lineage. Everywhere you look in the Bible there are genealogies that prove the Bible is true, both before and after the flood of Noah's day (Gen. 4:16; 5:1-32; 10:1-32; 11:10-32; 36:1-43; 1 Chron. 1:1-54; 2:55). There is a genealogy chart, sold in Bible bookstores, that traces all the races back to their origin. It is impossible to do that with a book that is inaccurate or spurious. Yes, genealogy is one way to prove the Bible is true and accurate.

Adam is referred to as a historical person by Jesus' brother Jude, the Apostle Paul, and by Job (Jude 14; 1 Tim. 2:13-14; 1 Cor. 15:22, 45; Rom. 5:14; Job 31:33; Hosea 6:7). Melchizedek was mentioned as a true historical character in Genesis 14:18 and again by the Apostle Paul in Hebrews 7:1. Abel and Enoch were mentioned in the book of Hebrews as real

people (Heb. 11:4-5). Are these great men of the Bible wrong?

How about the story of Noah and the worldwide flood? Jesus mentioned it as a fact. Is He a liar (Matt. 24:37-39)? Both the ark and Noah are mentioned as true historical facts by the Apostle Paul in Hebrews 11:7. Paul was a learned man—a Pharisee and the son of a Pharisee. Notice, there are other Scriptures mentioning the flood (2 Peter 2:5; Luke 6:48). The Apostle Peter said that only Noah and seven others were spared when God brought a flood upon the world. King David also talked about the flood (Psalm 29:10).

Either Genesis 7:20-24 is correct, or the whole world is in trouble. God spoke to Isaiah the prophet about the flood of Noah that covered the earth (Is. 54:9). Noah is mentioned in Ezekiel as a historical person. Noah existed after the flood that destroyed the entire world and all life that was on the face of the earth. Why would God have Noah collect certain animals and birds if it was only going to be a local flood? Think!

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Archaeology also proves the Bible is true. The fossil record provides proof of the flood. It is possible to find sea shells and the remains of fossilized fish on every mountain top of the world. For example, in the southern United States, there are so many whale bones scattered on the mountain tops of one mountain range that local farmers use them as fence posts on their farms. These mountains were once under water.

How about Jonah and the big fish? Was that a fairy tale, or was it true? Jesus used the sign of Jonah to prove to the world that He was the Messiah. In Matthew 12:41, Jesus said Jonah preached repentance. Is Jesus a liar? He also said Jonah was in the belly of a sea monster (Matt. 12:40; 16:4; Luke 11:29-30). It was called a fish in Jonah 1:17 and 2:10.

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Prophecies of the past prove the Bible is true. Prophecies that are being fulfilled right before our eyes today prove God's word is accurate. There is much information out there that shows the Bible is true, but the Bible proves itself true and there is no other book like it. If the Bible were as inaccurate as some erroneously claim today, then why were people murdered so viciously in the past by those who didn't want people to hold it in their hands? They tried everything they could to stop the Bible from being printed. Now they are doing everything they can to discredit it.

I have diligently studied God's word for over three decades, and I will not hesitate to vouch for this Book of all books. I have proven that the Bible is true, and now, with this information, so can you!☐

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**MISCONCEPTIONS
VS.
TRUTH**

"Jesus blood covers our sins unconditionally."

The truth is...

The Bible is ..



The Bible is a book on love (John 15:12). It is a book on how to love your neighbor as yourself (Gal. 5:13-14), how to love God and how to do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

'Jesus was constantly doing acts of kindness and charity.'

Jesus was constantly doing good each day to please the Father (Acts 10:38). He gave us a clear example of how easily this can be done (Matt. 11:30). He fed the hungry, He healed the sick, He helped the needy and He forgave sinners (Matt. 25:31-40). Jesus was constantly doing acts of kindness and charity.

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Why did Jesus Christ live this way? He was glorifying the Father by doing good works (Matt. 5:16). He was overcoming evil by doing good (Rom. 12:21; Rev. 5:5; John 16:33). He was learning obedience to the Father by disciplining Himself according to godliness (Heb. 5:8; Titus 1:1). As a result of His daily actions of

righteousness, the Father was able to perfect Him (Heb. 5:9). He endured suffering for doing what was right continually (1 Peter 4:1), and He endured to the end.

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Jesus, in every respect, showed the successive stages of spiritual growth. He was baptized. He received the Spirit. He was made weak. He was tempted by Satan. He continued to obey God. He was persecuted for doing good. He suffered for doing good. He endured to the end as an example of good works for God's glory. He told us to do the same. He died for our sins that we might live righteously as He lived, and He gave His life to show us how to live righteously before God in an ungodly world each day.

'The word of God is a book that tells how to get the most out of life.'

The word of God is a book that tells how to get the most out of life. It explains how to live forever and

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how to be God's friend. The Bible defines sin and righteousness. It demonstrates how to be prosperous. It is a book of wisdom that teaches us how to do God's Will on this earth as it is done in heaven.

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The Bible is a spiritual book. It was written by the Spirit of God as God moved men to write it. It is a book that cannot be understood by those who won't live it. The Bible is revealed knowledge by God to individuals who live holy lives. Unless you live a holy life before God each day and study, not read, it to show yourself approved to God (2 Tim. 2:15) your understanding of the Bible will always remain incomplete.

'By imitating the way Jesus lived daily, you are in Christ.'

When you live to please God each day by doing the things He would have you do, you are considered holy, righteous, saved, born again, sanctified, justified, sinless, godly and upright. By imitating the way Jesus lived daily, you are in Christ. When you continue to abide in Jesus Christ, you are clothed with His righteousness.

'You are considered righteous by God because you are practicing righteousness toward others as God's word commands.'

You build godly character in your life by serving others for God in secret (Matt. 6:1), helping the

elderly, the lonely, the blind, the lowly, the orphan, the widow, or those who have no one to help them. You are considered righteous by God because you are practicing righteousness toward others as God's word commands (1 John 3:7, 10, 18; Col. 3:17).

'...When you are allowed to see what the truth is and you do not live it, your sins remain and could cost you your salvation.'

Do you know why God doesn't allow most people who read the Bible to understand it? Do you know why the gospel is veiled and hidden by God, who is allowing Satan to blind people's minds from truly understanding the gospel (2 Cor. 4:3-4)? If you were blinded, you would have no sin. But when you are allowed to see what the truth is and you do not live it, your sins remain and could cost you your salvation (John 12:47-48). Therefore, God has shut up all in disobedience that He might have mercy on all. Oh, the depth and riches and wisdom of God (Rom. 11:32-33).

'Whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil that is over his eyes is removed.'

Jesus said, "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin" (John 15:22). He was referring to sin leading to eternal death. But now they have no excuse for their sin. Now we can see that those who understand the message of the kingdom of heaven no longer have an excuse for their sins. Whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil that is over his eyes is removed (2 Cor. 3:16). What a message. What a truth!□

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Letter From the Editor

Dear *Whole Wheat* Readers,

As a young man, I truly desired to know God. I began searching for Him in all the ways I knew how. When I went to a college to learn more about the Bible, it was there that I found a phrase in the Old Testament, that stuck with me over the years; "I have found the book of the law" (2 Kings 22:1-20). I hadn't realized until then, that the Bible was a book of law. When I began to study this, my drive to learn about God, and what He was all about, intensified. I sought for the answers in the Biblical college I attended. I learned a lot about the Bible while I was there, but knew there was something missing. Several years later, God brought a man into my life who would provide answers to many things I still did not understand through my education. This is when I met our founder, *Ron Brown*. He explained to me the simple Will and Ways of God. I was astounded and knew this was the missing link I had so eagerly sought for. I was like a horse at the starting gate. I had finally found my purpose in life (Eph 2:10)! I couldn't wait to begin living this new way of life, and was on a mission to prove God's laws to myself. I found out that this book of the law applies to those who abide by it, as well as those who do not (John 3:21; Deut.13:19). What Ron shared with me, all those years ago, you will find in our first article; 'The Bible: Book of the Law.' The information in this article can be life-changing, for those who haven't seen, or heard, it before.

Another incredible discovery, in my search to prove God's Ways true, you'll find in the article 'The Bible Is...' it reads, 'The Bible is a book on love.' We find out that Scripture tells us the two

greatest commandments are loving God and loving one another. God even sent His Son to show us exactly how this is done. He gave us a living, breathing example of how to live life as a servant, putting others first, thereby showing our Father in Heaven we truly love Him. The Bible, then, is a book about how to obey the law of love (2 John 1:6). Few people realize that love is a law (Matt. 22:36-40) and that what we give out, in our daily life, comes back to us (Rom. 2:6-8). That is the basis of any law, be it earthly or spiritual.

As I thought about the years that have gone by and how this book has profoundly changed my life, I realized it has proven itself true as a law book. As I have lived by its principles, it has returned to me many of its promises. It has given me peace and joy immeasurable (Phil. 4:7). It has provided me hope, many times when I had none (Rom. 8:24-25). It has given me many of my heart's desires (Ps. 37:4) and has changed me in so many profound ways (Gal. 4:19). There are so many Scriptures that have been fulfilled in my life, as a result of living by its laws. I have been blessed and reaped such beautiful rewards, for living by God's Will and putting His Way of life into practice. There is nothing else in my life that has ever returned such great results. It truly is a law book for life! The greatest gift you could ever give yourself is to prove this truth to be true in your own life. You will never be the same. God promises.

In His Love,

Scott

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The Best Bible

The best translation of the Bible is the one that has the clearest meaning to the key verses that explain how to live the Way that Jesus Christ lived.

One example is Titus 2:14. In the original Greek it says, "...cleanse for Himself a people zealous for good works." In the King James Version it says, "...purify unto Himself a peculiar people zealous of good works." The New American Standard Version says, "...zealous for good deeds," and so does the Revised Standard Version. The Living Bible, the New International Version, and **other modern language versions change, water down and distort this verse**, along with Titus 3:8-14.

If you do not maintain good works or good deeds, you have stopped bearing good fruit for God (Matt. 3:10). If you are not zealous for good deeds, you are leaving a door open through which you can be tempted by Satan (1 Peter 3:13; 5:8).

Do you think Jesus Christ overcame the world by doing nothing? Of course not. He overcame the world by doing the Father's Will—which is righteousness—every day. Jesus only lived to do good towards others, as He instructed us to do daily. Jesus never lived to do His own will but only the Father's Will, continually (John 6:38).

To bear fruit for God is to practice righteousness (Col. 1:10). To bear fruit is to be a doer of the word (James 1:22). To bear fruit is to experience a change of nature, a change of heart and a change of attitude, as happy slaves of Jesus Christ, until we finally do the Will of God from the heart (Matt. 5:16, 20; 6:1; Eph. 6:6).

The Will of God is righteousness and that's what we are to be practicing. We do the practicing so God can do the perfecting.

The Bible with the clearest meaning and the most reliable to the original Greek is the New American Standard Version, but always have a King James Version close by to double-check some passages, as it is the oldest version but not always the easiest to understand. Try comparing 2 Timothy 2:15, Hebrews 12:14, 1 John 5:7 and Acts 12:4 in these two versions.

Of course, if you have a Bible that you love and are wearing out for God by studying it daily, just continue and the Lord will continue to teach you through His word.☐



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