



The Basic Things you need to know... ...about the Bible!

- **Where I am going:**
- **How we got the New Testament**
- **Who wrote the New Testament**
- **What was God's role and man's role in writing the New Testament?**
- **What good is the Bible?**



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- **The first 300 years or so**
 - **Writings circulated**
 - People who had known Jesus wrote books about his life and teachings
 - One person, possibly Mary's physician wrote, a two volume set that also included the story of the early church
 - Close followers of Jesus wrote letters to Christians that instructed followers of Jesus in how to live as Jesus would want
 - Peter
 - John
 - James



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 - Paul, a convert to Jesus who had been a highly trained Jewish scholar, took the story of Jesus and explained through Jewish prophecy and theology how Jesus was the savior (of the whole world) that had been predicted
 - He went on 3 missionary journeys and started multiple churches, first to Jews, then to Gentiles
 - Paul wrote a book of theology, (Romans) and over a dozen letters to churches of how to follow Jesus and live lives that reflected His teachings.



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 - Matthew,
 - Mark
 - Luke
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- What was God's role and man's role in writing the New Testament?
 - People wrote it's content
 - God "inspired."
- How did God "inspire?"
 - Verbally?
 - Guiding of the mind?
 - Unconsciously?



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- “God breathed” = pneuma, inspired
 - teaching,
 - rebuking,
 - correcting
 - training in righteousness



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- 2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching,
- How has God acted throughout history?
- Who was Jesus?
- What are the key teachings of the Bible?
- What are the minor teachings of the Bible?



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• **NO!**



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- 2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking,
- “No” is a good word
- “No” puts limits around unhealthy things



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- 2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting
- Buttoning up a shirt wrong
 - Can leave it
 - Can change it
 - Put's things right with the design



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- 2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
- To train in righteousness also requires one be taught to recognize unrighteousness
- Righteousness = healthy
- Unrighteousness= unhealthy
- What to pick up
- What to lay down



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- 2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
- People naturally resist all of these
 - I already know everything the Bible teaches!
 - Don't tell me NO! I will do what I want!
 - I can wear my shirt buttoned crooked if I want!
 - I don't care if it IS wrong. I'm gonna do it anyway.



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- Preparation for doing good
- If you want to do good in your community, for friends, for family... let the Bible tell you how to act.



So What?

Do you want to live a:

happy life

with healthy relationships

and free of sexual guilt, pain and aftereffects?

What do you trust as an authoritative voice in charting your course toward happiness and health?

- A teacher?
- Your peers?
- TV shows?
- Hollywood?
- News channels?
- People magazine? “Us?”
- Talk show hosts?
- Posts on facebook?



So What?

- Can you navigate on your own, all the decisions that need to be made to lead a happy, healthy, guilt free life?
- Have you already goofed up your life with bad decisions?
- Consider a 5,000 year old proven, best seller, that is controversial, banned, bold, conservative and liberal book of writings.
- God changes lives through it.
- Through it's teachings, God puts people back together.

