



ENDING WELL

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SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

# Being with Jesus

Being  
WITH  
PASSION

Going  
WITH  
PURPOSE

Doing  
WITH  
POWER

year **2017**

READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

# Started the Year 2017.....

## READING THROUGH

the entire

## NEW TESTAMENT

in 2017 as a

## CHURCH FAMILY

# Refresher on - The BIBLE

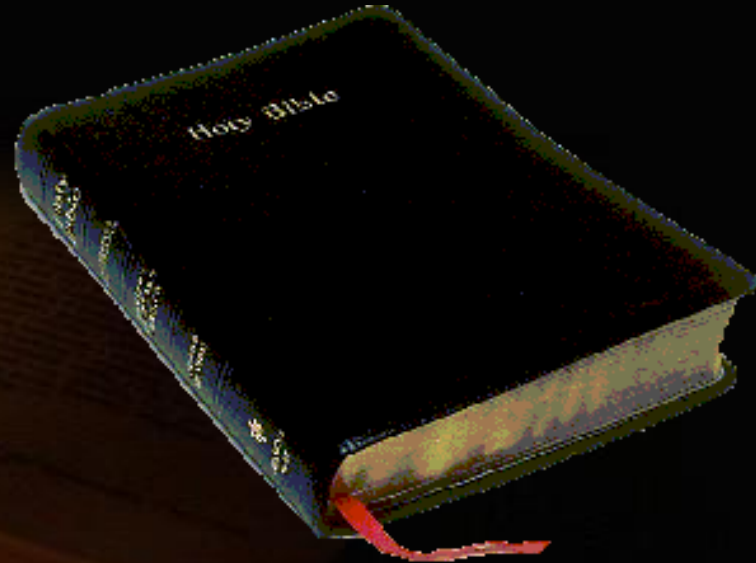
**Q: How many books are there in the Bible ?**

**A: 66**

**Q: Bible is DIVIDED into TWO Portions.**

**They are called ....**

- **Old Testament**
- **New Testament**





# The BIBLE

**Q: How many books in the Old Testament ?**

**A: 39**

*Easy way to remember ....*

**Q: How many letters in the word "OLD" ?**

**A: 3**

**Q: How many letters in the word "TESTAMENT" ?**

**A: 9**

**No. of OLD TESTAMENT books : 3 & 9 = 39**



**Other History Books (12)**

**Pentateuch (5)**

## History (17)

- GENESIS
- EXODUS
- LEVITICUS
- NUMBERS
- DEUTERONOMY
- JOSHUA
- JUDGES
- RUTH
- 1 & 2 SAMUEL
- 1 & 2 KINGS
- 1 & 2 CHRONICLES
- EZRA
- NEHEMIAH
- ESTHER

## Poetry (5)

- JOB
- PSALMS
- PROVERBS
- ECCLESIASTES
- SONG OF SOLOMON

# Structure Of The Old Testament 39 books

## Prophets (17)

- ISAIAH
- JEREMIAH
- LAMENTATIONS
- EZEKIEL
- DANIEL
- HOSEA
- JOEL
- AMOS
- OBADIAH
- JONAH
- MICAH
- NAHUM
- HABAKKUK
- ZEPHANIAH
- HAGGAI
- ZECHARIAH
- MALACHI

**Major (5)**

**Minor (12)**

# The BIBLE

**Q: How many books in the New Testament ?**

**A: 27**

***How to remember ?***

**Q: How many letters in the word “NEW” ?**

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**Q: How many letters in the word “TESTAMENT” ?**

**A: 9**

**No of NEW TESTAMENT books :  $3 \times 9 = 27$**

# PAUL'S LETTERS to PASTORS (4)

PAUL'S  
LETTERS to  
CHURCHES  
(9)

STRUCTURE  
of the  
NEW  
TESTAMENT

GENERAL  
LETTERS  
(9)

HISTORY (5)



# FEEDBACK SURVEY

*1+5 Simple Questions to answer here & now*

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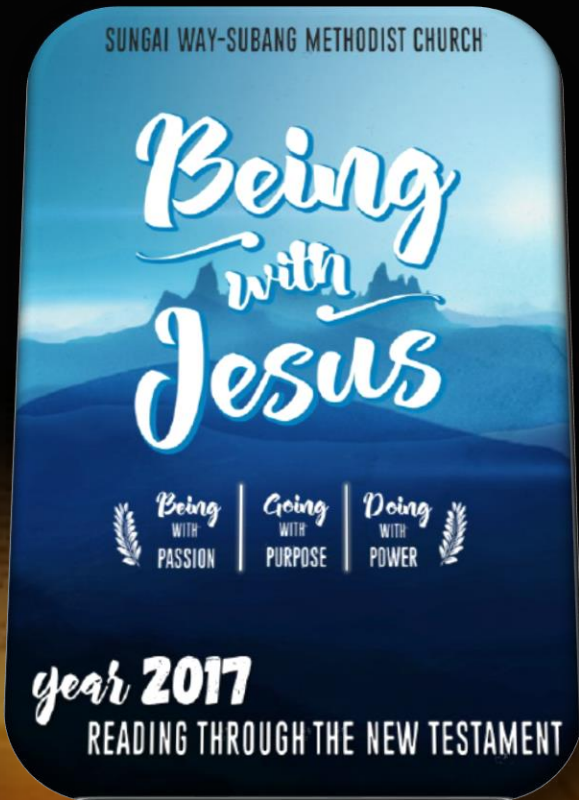
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Thanks For  
Helping In The Survey



*Ending 2017 Well*

*In God's Word*

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*



# Context 2 Tim 3

- <sup>1</sup> But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.***
- <sup>2</sup> People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,***
- <sup>3</sup> without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,***
- <sup>4</sup> treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God...***

## Context 2 Tim 3

- 10 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,***
- 11 persecutions, sufferings — what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.***
- 12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,***

## Context 2 Tim 3

***13 while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.***

***14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,***

***15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.***



## 2 Tim 3:16-17

- <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,**
- <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

# **ENDING WELL – in God's Word**

**? WHY ?**

**? Why must we end 2017 well ?**

**? Why must we end well in God's Word ?**

**? Why must we even read God's Word - the Bible ?**

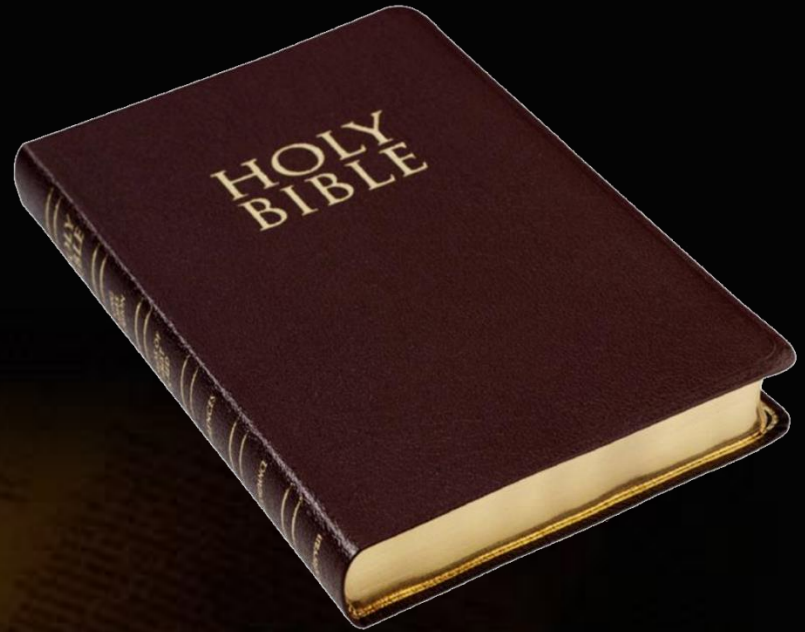
**? Why must we even read the Bible Daily ?**

**? What's so important about the Bible ?**

# ENDING WELL – in God's Word

Do You Know ....

- ✚ Your FAITH depends on the Bible ?
- ✚ Your FUTURE depends on the Bible ?
- ✚ Your WHOLE LIFE depends on the Bible ?





# ENDING WELL – in God's Word

the Bible is God's Word, ....

**v<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed...**

Paul states as a matter of fact .... no if's, no but's...

All Scripture is from GOD... breathed / inspired ...

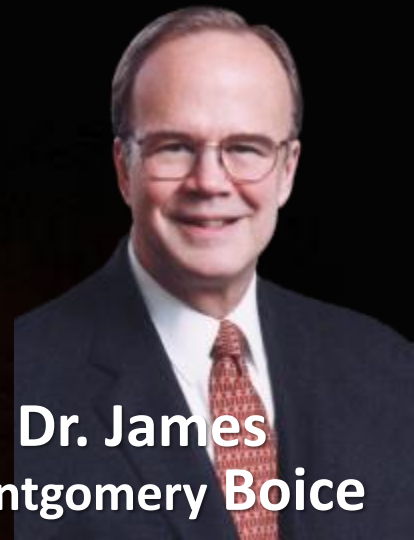
God is God...

- ✓ God does not lie .... Num 23:19
- ✓ God cannot lie ... Heb 6:18
- ✓ God is TRUTH...



# Q: “Do you believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?”

- **Episcopalians** ➤ **89 %**
- **United Presbyterians** ➤ **81 %**
- **Lutherans** ➤ **57 %**
- **Baptists** ➤ **57 %**
- **Methodists** ➤ **82 %**



**Dr. James  
Montgomery Boice**

# ENDING WELL – in God's Word

## 1. IT'S THE TRUTH

- **BOTTOMLINE** : You must be convinced beyond any shadow of a doubt that....
  - The Bible Is **RELIABLE**
  - **THE** Bible Is **TRUE**
  - The Bible Is the **TRUTH**
  - **THE** Bible Is **GOD'S WORD**
- **5 Compelling Reasons to Believe in the Bible**

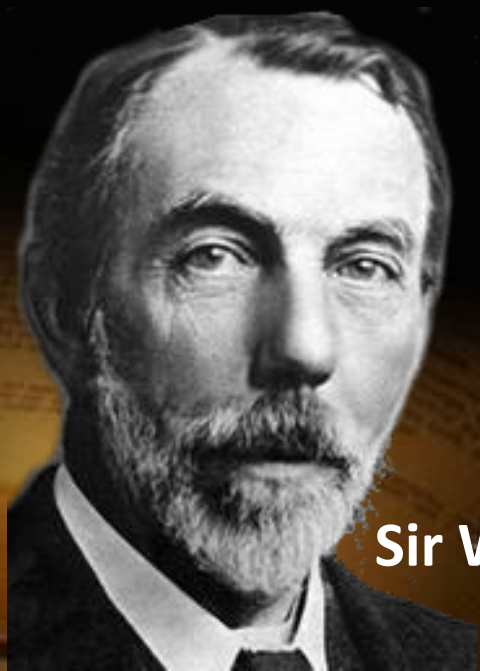
# ENDING WELL – in God’s Word

## THE BIBLE IS RELIABLE & TRUTHFUL because...

### a. Historical / Archaeological Evidence

Story of Sir William Ramsay...

*“the foremost authority of his day on  
the history of Asia Minor and a  
leading scholar in the study of the  
New Testament.”*

A black and white portrait of Sir William M Ramsay, a man with a full beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit and a white shirt with a tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera.

Sir William M Ramsay  
(1851 – 1939)



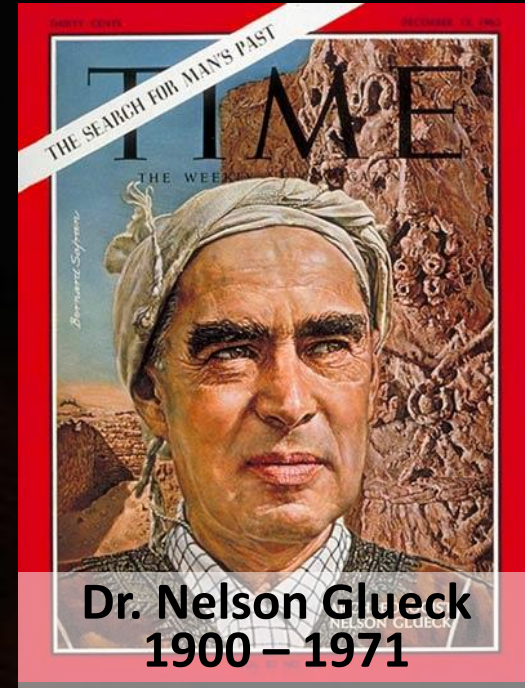
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*“No archaeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference.”*

*“Scores of archaeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible”*



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THE BIBLE IS RELIABLE & TRUTHFUL because ...

## b. PROPHECIES FULFILLED

*Just One Example :*

*Isa 45:1 "This is what the Lord says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him..."*

Facts :

Cyrus – 23x in the OT

Isaiah dated  $\cong 700$ BC

Cyrus entered Babylon

>>> 539 BC

$\cong 160$  yrs before ...

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J. Barton Payne's *Encyclopaedia of Biblical Prophecy*

OT : 1,239 prophecies

NT : 578 prophecies

Total : 1,817.



≈ 353 Prophecies'  
Fulfilled in Jesus  
Christ – birth,  
death etc



THE BIBLE IS RELIABLE & TRUTHFUL because ...

# c. Internal Harmony

66 books

1500 yrs

40 authors

Asia, Africa, Europe

Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic

ONE STORY of GOD and MAN



\* John was begun in Israel, completed in Patmos. Acts 16-18 Paul's Missionary Journeys.

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THE BIBLE IS RELIABLE & TRUTHFUL because...

## D. TESTIMONY of JESUS

Sodom Lot  
Abel & Cain Isaiah  
Abraham, Isaac & Jacob  
Jonah NOAH  
10 Commandments

Jesus referred to  
Scriptures as ...  
Word of God  
Commandment of  
God  
Spoken by God



# ENDING WELL – in God’s Word THE BIBLE IS RELIABLE & TRUSTWORTHY e. TRANSFORMED LIVES



Jennifer Fulwiler



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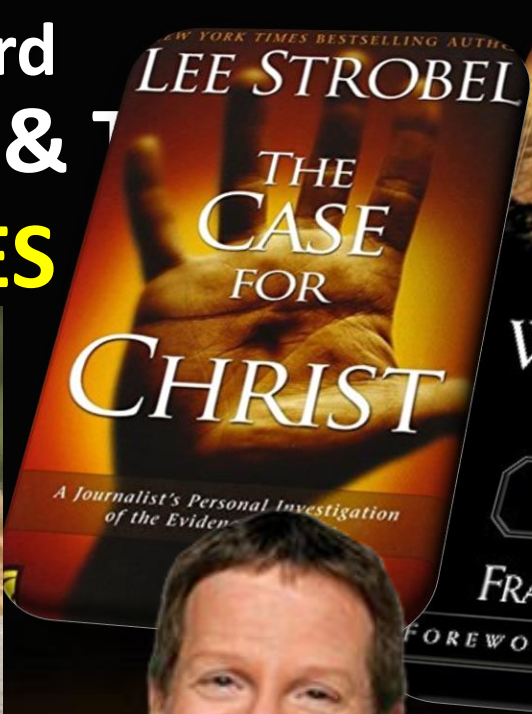


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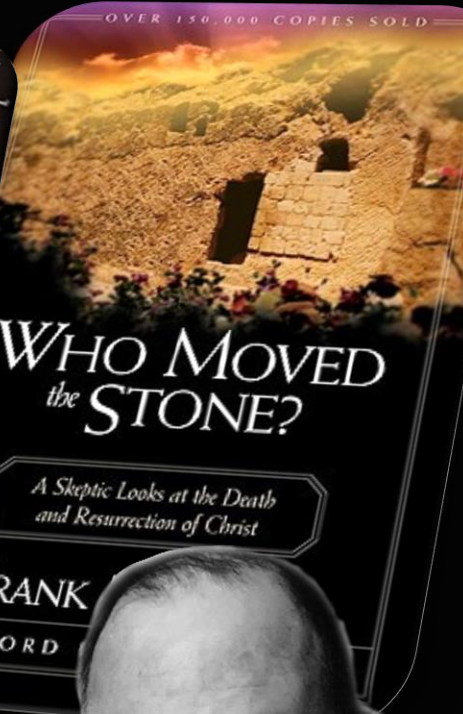


$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$S = \frac{\pi A k c^3}{2 h G}$$



Lee Strobel  
1952 ...



CS Lewis  
1898 – 1963

**ENDING WELL – in God’s Word**

**THE BIBLE IS RELIABLE & TRUTHFUL because...**

**e. TRANSFORMED LIVES**



**Jesus is still in the  
LIFE TRANSFORMATION BUSINESS**

# ENDING WELL – in God's Word

God's Word, the Bible ....

1. It's TRUE and it's the TRUTH

*Jn 17:17 "Sanctify them by the truth;  
your word is truth."*

*John 14:6 "I am the way and the truth  
and the life."*



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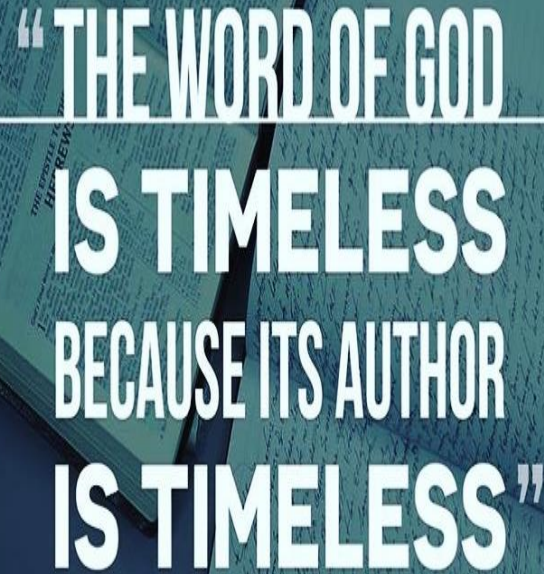
### 2. It’s TIMELESS

- *Isa 40:8 & 1 Peter 1:25*

*“the word of our God stands forever.”*

- *Heb 13:8*

*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”*



“THE WORD OF GOD  
IS TIMELESS  
BECAUSE ITS AUTHOR  
IS TIMELESS”

**ENDING WELL – in God's Word**

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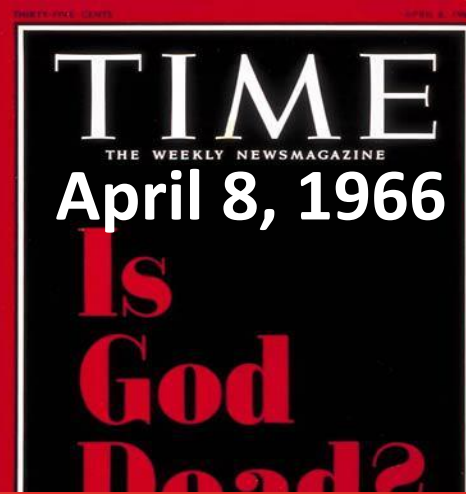
**Q: Is The Bible Still Relevant TODAY?**

**A: The Bible is Still Very Relevant**

**Today. The message is just as clear,  
compelling and current as when it  
was first written.**

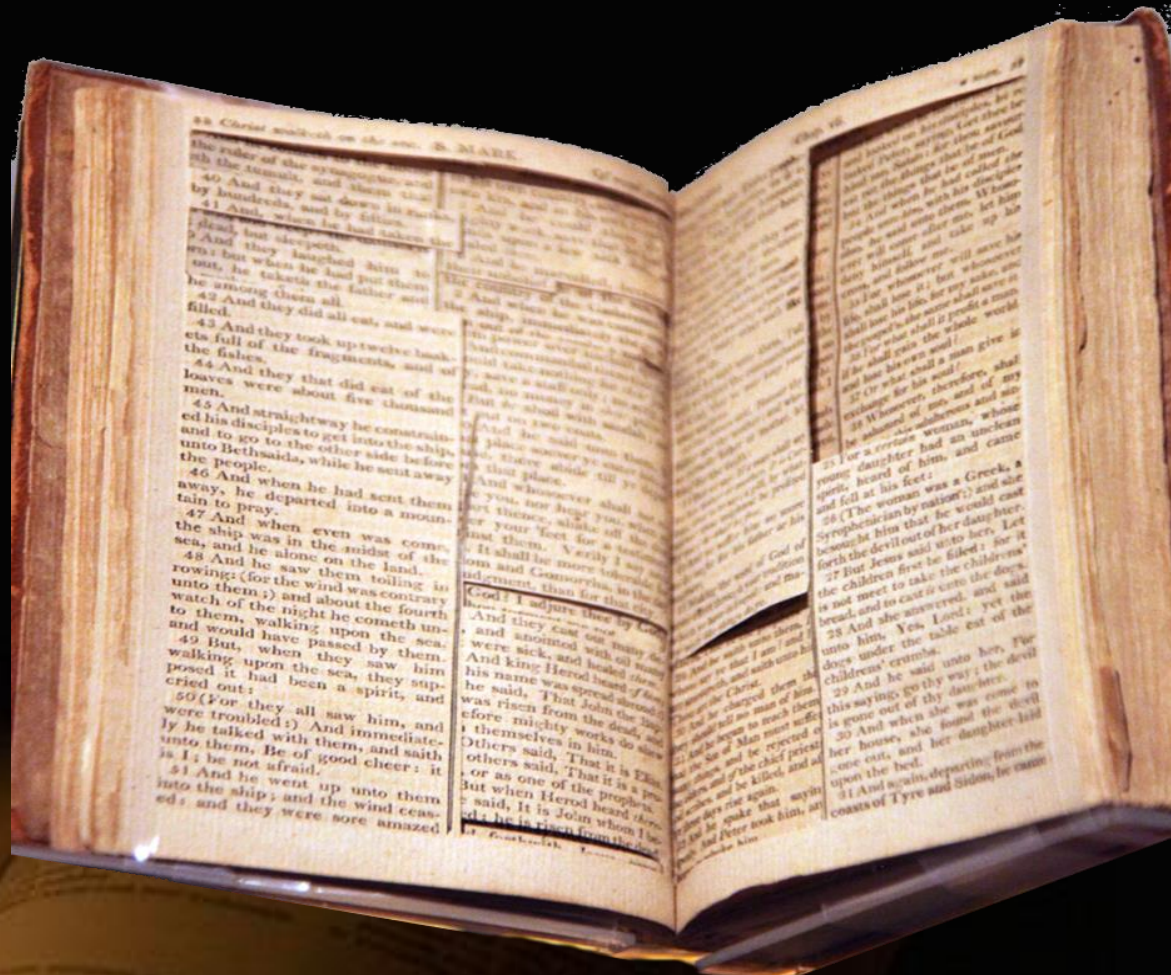
**As long as there is SIN**

**- there's a need for a SAVIOUR**





# The Jefferson Bible



38 Christ walked on the sea. St. MARK.  
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with the tumult, and when they  
40 And they set down in boats,  
by hundreds, and by fifties.  
41 And when he had taken the  
bread, but did give,  
42 And they laughed him to  
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the fishes.  
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men.  
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unto Bethsaida, while he sent away  
the people.  
47 And when he had sent them  
away, he departed into a moun-  
tain to pray.  
48 And when even was come,  
and he alone on the land,  
49 And he saw them toiling in  
rowing; (for the wind was contrary  
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***“Faith that accepts one word of  
God and rejects another  
is not faith in God at all,  
but rather, faith in one’s own  
judgment and preferences.***



**Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)**

# ENDING WELL – in God's Word

3. It TEACHES +++

2 Tim 3:16

*“All Scripture is God-breathed ...  
and is useful for teaching, rebuking,  
correcting and training in righteousness...”*

# ENDING WELL – in God's Word

**ALL SCRIPTURE** is **USEFUL/PROFITABLE** for ...

↪ **TEACHING,**

➤ *what is right*

↪ **REBUKING,**

➤ *what is not right*

↪ **CORRECTING**

➤ *how to get right*

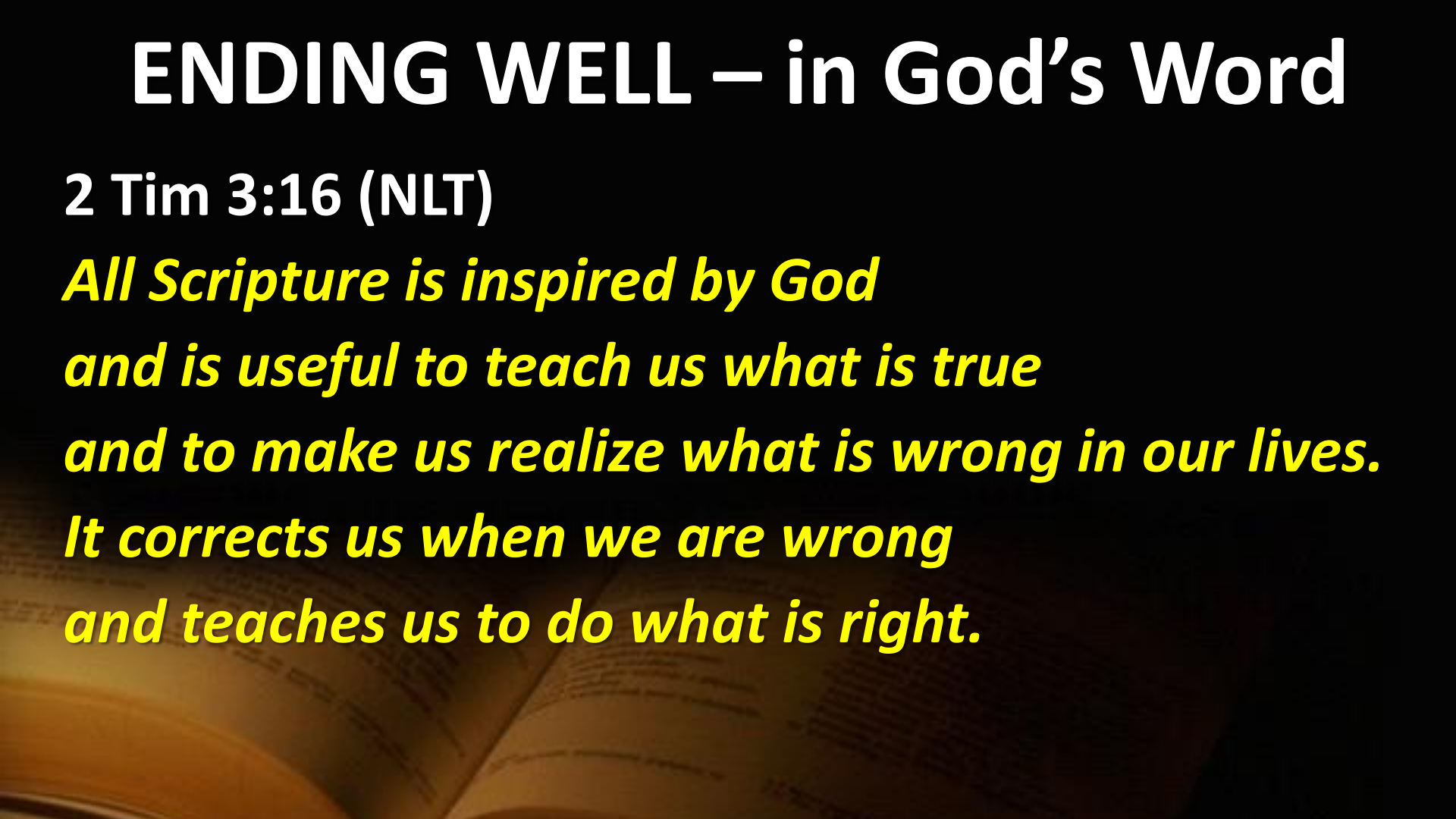
and

↪ **TRAINING in RIGHTEOUSNESS** ➤ *how to stay right*

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2 Tim 3:16 (NLT)

*All Scripture is inspired by God  
and is useful to teach us what is true  
and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives.  
It corrects us when we are wrong  
and teaches us to do what is right.*

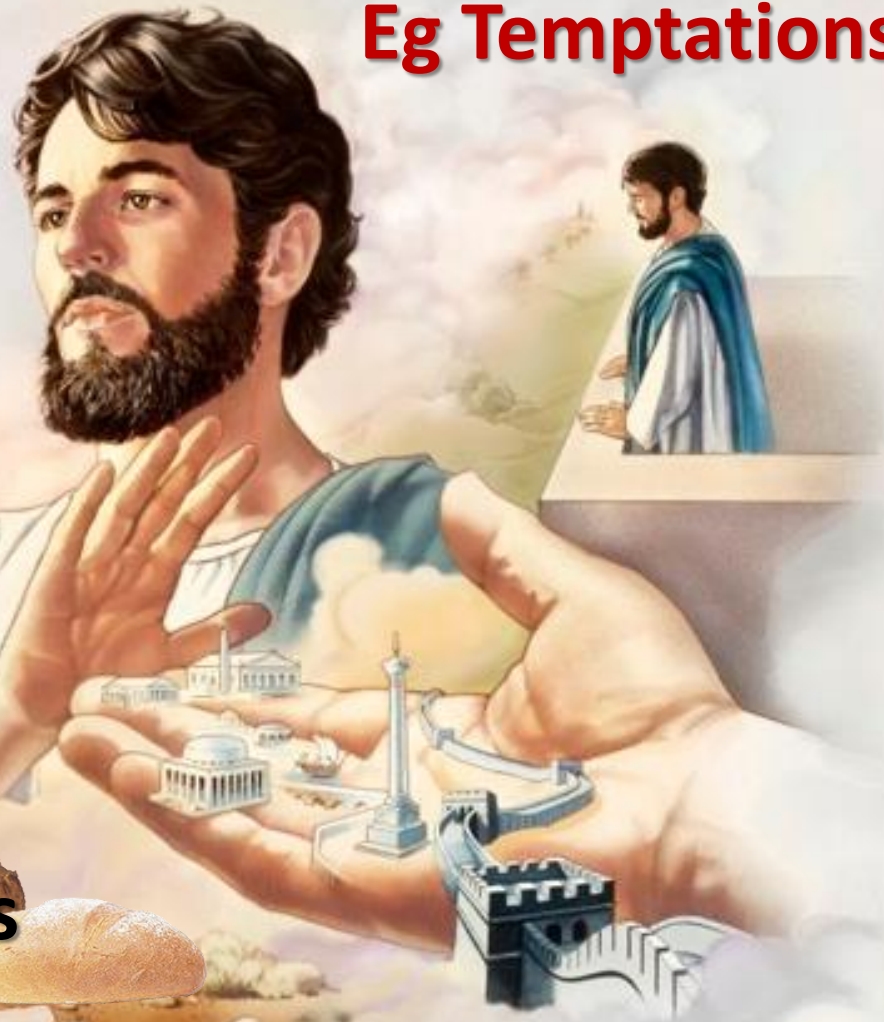




# Eg Temptations of Jesus

Lessons we can learn :

1. To be tempted is not sin
2. Satan quoted 'Scripture' to tempt Jesus
3. Jesus countered each temptation with 'Scripture'
4. Satan has only 3 basic temptations



# ENDING WELL – in God's Word

## 4. It TRANSFORMS

*2 Tim 3:17*

*NIV so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

*NLT God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.*

# ENDING WELL – in God's Word

Scripture / God's Word primary focus is to...

↳ Equip God's people, you & I

- Thoroughly / Fully / Completely

To Do

↳ God's Work...

God's Good Work...

God's Every Good Work

Bottom-line of Doing BEING WITH JESUS is...

➤ **To Be EQUIPPED TO SERVE**



# "Salad Bar Christianity"

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Being  
with  
Jesus

Being WITH PASSION | Going WITH PURPOSE | Doing WITH POWER

Year 2017

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What is healthy, do not taste Good

# Quotes:

“Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them.”

*Many of us want a word from God,  
but we don't want the Word of God.*

We pay the Bible lip service, but we fail to give it “life service.”

We know enough to own a Bible but not enough for the Bible to own us.



# Quotes:

*Many of us want to turn our backs on the Word of God but we cannot.*

“Men do not reject the Bible because they do not believe in it.”

**In a world where the only absolute is that there are no absolutes, there is little room left for the authoritative Word of God as revealed in the Bible....**

**AND WE MUST CHANGE THAT**

...all to give it “life service.”

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God's Word – BEING

↪ It's TRUTH

↪ It's TIMELESS

↪ It TEACHES +++

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# Declaration

***“This book is the Word of God!***

***I believe it is true***

***from cover to cover.***

***It is without error and***

***it is absolutely perfect.”***

