

Question: What are some good reasons for believing the Bible is from God? (#5)

This is the fifth and final article meant to give logical reasons for believing the Bible is THE one and only book of God. Thus far we have noted the Bible's honesty in its depiction of characters – its power of preservation – the internal claims of its writers to be inspired of God – its record of the miracles God performed to validate His book – its unity and consistency of content – its historical and geographical accuracy – its endorsement by Jesus Christ – and its prophetic accuracy. Today we present two final reasons for believing the Bible is God's book.

9) Its Survival

I am told that the books of Moses (Genesis through Deuteronomy) were written 500 years before the earliest written documents of the Hindu religion. God revealed Himself, His will and His dealings with man through the pen of Moses, 2,000 years before Muhammad wrote the Koran. During the Bible's long history, no other book has been as well respected as the Bible. Skeptics of the Bible have tried numerous times, in vain, to stifle the power of its influence upon the world. Yet no other book has been so consistently purchased, studied, and quoted as this book. While thousands of books on religious or spiritual topics come and go, the Bible remains the standard by which they are measured. Though often ignored by those who dislike its restrictive teachings, it is still THE CENTRAL BOOK OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION.

10) Its Power To Change Lives

The Ten Commandments (Exo 20) have been a source of moral direction to countless people through the ages. The Psalms of David have offered comfort to millions in times of trouble and loss. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7) describes the attitudes and conduct required of the citizenry in His kingdom. Paul's description of love (1Cor 13) has softened many an angry heart, and prevented numerous marriages from falling into disarray. The changed lives of the people who are influenced by the Bible help to illustrate that it is truly the word of God.

Because of the Bible, idolaters have turned from their vain worship "to serve the living and true God and to wait for His Son from heaven" (1Th 1:1-10). Saul of Tarsus gave up everything that man holds dear, including his life, to become a servant of Jesus. He did this after becoming convinced that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God referred to by the prophets of the Bible (Ga 1:11-24; Ph 3:4-13).

Paul wrote often of the change that takes place in the lives of people who accept and obey the Christ of the Bible (Ro 6:1-16; 12:1-2; Co 3:1-6; Ga 5:16-21). "In Christ" one becomes a "new creature" (2Co 5:17). When a person comes forth from the watery grave of baptism he is "born again" indeed to "walk in newness of life" (Jn 3:3,5; Ro 6:4).

If you have yet to accept the Bible, containing the gospel, as the book of God, then you need to know that you are apart from Christ, living without hope and without God in your life (Ep 2:12). The Bible teaches that there are no spiritual blessings available to people who are not "in Christ" (Ep 1:3).

Know also that being "in Christ," means being a member of His body, the blood bought church. One may enter that relationship with Christ and His people by being "born of water and the Spirit" (Jn 3:3-5; Ti 3:5). When a believer in the gospel repents, confesses faith in Jesus Christ, and is immersed in water, such a person becomes a member of His body, the church, and is numbered among the saved in the spiritual kingdom of Christ (Ac 2:38, 41, 47; Co 1:13-14).

Paul said that such people are “reconciled to God in one body through the cross...” (Ep 2:13-16). And without the Bible, the Word of God, we could not have known anything of God’s valuable offer to man. My friend, there will never be a better time or a more favorable opportunity for you to come to Jesus. Why not do what heaven bids you do right now! Call on us for help. Thanks for reading!