

Into Our Hands

Peter wrote, “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever” (1 Peter 1:22-23). The gospel is given into our hands, and the words that are contained in this marvelous book will never pass away (cp. Matthew 24:35).

The Bible never needs amending but men’s works do need to be fixed. When you contemplate the astounding nature of the Bible, you realize that man could have never written a document like this. We are commanded to “contend earnestly” for this faith that has been revealed to us (Jude 3), and it has been mercilessly persecuted ever since it was revealed. A brief survey of history reveals that Antiochus Epiphanes tried to kill Judaism and the Jews, Diocletian outlawed the Bible, and the Catholic church wanted to burn English Bibles. Despite all of the attempts to destroy it, it still stands! One day, when this world is gone, the scriptures will be the standard by which I will be judged, and this makes me want to be more sober-minded (2 Peter 3:10-14). What about you?

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