

Why Was The Bible Written?

Introduction. The infallible word of God is revealed through inspiration, is historically correct, it contains prophecy which was brought to pass centuries later, it is scientifically true and accurate, and it has beaten back the tides of infidelity for centuries. For all the people who trying to decide if they want to live by the precepts of the Bible, the question of why it was written is a good one to answer (John 20:30-31; Romans 15:4).

I. **To Reveal God**

- A. His power.
 - 1. Psalm 19:1.
 - 2. Acts 17:24-25.
- B. His identity.
 - 1. Exodus 3:14.
 - 2. Isaiah 45:22.
- C. His nature.
 - 1. Hebrews 12:29.
 - 2. 1 John 4:16.
- D. His will for man.
 - 1. John 3:16-17.
 - 2. 1 John 4:9-10.

II. **To Guide Mankind**

- A. Man has proven his inability to guide himself physically and spiritually (Genesis 3:6; cf. Isaiah 48:17). Confusion, chaos, and misery have followed his attempts to do so.
- B. This Bible is our manufacturer's guide, our operator's manual (Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). Who knows better for man than our maker?

III. **To Reveal Sin**

- A. We sin in thought, word, and failure to do what we should (Romans 3:9; 7:7). Those who sin can expect the wrath of God (Romans 1:18).
- B. Sin separates God and man (Ezekiel 39:23-24, 29), and the Bible reveals that sin cannot be resolved by several methods.
 - 1. Human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:20-21).
 - 2. Education (1 Corinthians 1:27).
 - 3. Morality (Acts 10:1-2, 5-6).
 - 4. Keeping the ten commandments (Colossians 2:14).
 - 5. Doing good deeds (Ephesians 2:9).
- C. Since sin cannot be solved in these ways, is there any way out of the sin dilemma? Yes! Was the Bible written to reveal science, prophecy,

geology, astrology, or pathology? No, but each of them are contained in the Bible. They help us to know the mind of God for mankind. If we can understand these topics, surely we can understand the final reason the Bible was written.

IV. ***To Reveal God's Answer For Sin***

- A. Jesus was the answer for sin (Romans 5:6-10).
- B. God's written plan for man details Christ's sinless sacrifice. It also holds man responsible for what must be done in response to God's gracious act.
 - 1. God's grace -- man's faith (Hebrews 11:6).
 - 2. God's word -- man's belief (John 1:12).
 - 3. God's condemnation -- man's repentance (Acts 17:30-31).
 - 4. God's Son -- man's confession of the Son (Romans 10:9-10).
 - 5. God's forgiveness -- man's baptism (1 Peter 3:21).
 - 6. God's reconciliation -- man's walk in newness of life (1 Peter 4:1-2).

Conclusion. An unknown writer said, "This Book is the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding; its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable." Now that you know why the Bible is written, what is keeping you from obeying its commands? It is written for you! God loves you and wants you to have a part in the eternal kingdom of heaven. However, it does not come without cost, so count it carefully. If you have done so, then obey the gospel as we give you the opportunity.