

“...According To The Scriptures”

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

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VIDEO: “The Bible”

INTRO: Let me ask you a couple questions as we begin...

- **Why do/should Christians/you read the Bible?**
- **What do you hope to get out of it?**
 - “It” means BOTH...
 - The Bible... AND
 - Your reading of the Bible

Let’s Pray!

CONTEXT:

A. **Series:**

1. Titles:

- i. **Gospel Gardening Is Acts 1:8 In Action**
- ii. ***Jesus Is the Bible’s A.M.E.N.***

2. Texts:

- i. **Proverbs 29:18** - *Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.*
- ii. **Luke 14:27** - *Then beginning with Moses & all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scripture*

3. Timeless Truth: **Gospel-Gardening epitomizes/exemplifies:**

- * Prophetic VISION
- * VICTORIOUS Fruit
- * VALIANT Faithful-obedience

i. Jesus is not **ON** every page of the Bible
BUT make no mistake... Jesus is **IN** every
page. Jesus the Christ is the Bible's
A.M.E.N.

Once we understand "what" the WORD of GOD is...
Next, *we need to understand the GOD of this WORD!*

John 1:1-3

*1In the beginning was **the Word**, and the Word was with God,
and **the Word was God**. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3
All things were made through him, and without him was not
anything made that was made.*

&

2 Timothy 3:16-17

*All Scripture is God-breathed/inspired and is useful/profitable
for teaching, rebuking, correcting & training in righteousness,
so that the servant of God may be adequate/complete,
thoroughly-equipped for every good work.*

B. Sermon

BIG IDEA:

It is the exalted God of the Word
who exalts & empowers the Word of God.

(Jesus the Christ is BOTH the Bible's Blueprint & Bullseye.) - JDP

PREVIEW: We're going to answer our opening Q's

Why read the Bible & what do you hope to get out of it?

I will give you **P.R.O.O.F. to feed & fuel your faith!**

- A. **P** = Prescriptions, Patterns, Purposes, & more...
- B. **R** = *Realities of God & reliability of His Word*
- C. **O** = Old Testament gospel truth
- D. **O** = *Overcoming Objections*
- E. **F** = Faith in the Word who IS God... **AND...** faith in ALL the words breathed by God.

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

1Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2& by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...

T/S: Let's jump in...

1. Why read the Bible & what do you hope to get out of it?

P (of P.R.O.O.F.)

VIDEO: *“Why Read the Bible?”* (2:12)

- God’s Word IS His PROPHETIC VISION! (Prov. 29:18)
- God’s Word PRESENTS our Creator & creation
- God’s Word defines our PLACE(s) in creation
- God’s Word PROCLAIMS God’s truth in love
- God’s Word offers us **the** PRESCRIPTION for sin
- God’s Word clarifies our PURPOSE(s) in life...
- God’s Word presents to us His eternal PROMISES

- God’s Word reveals to us His Paternal PATTERNS

2. Why read the Bible & what do you hope to get out of it?

R (of P.R.O.O.F.)

- The reality of God...

VIDEO: *“Does God exists?”* (3:54)

- The reality of God & the reliability of God’s Word
 - Remember **John 1:1-3**
 - Remember **2 Timothy 3:16-17**
- Repentant Restoration to God... (Mark 1:15)
- Redemptive Relationship with/for God (2 Cor. 5)

T/S: Let's square-up the "*circular-argument*" attacks against the Almighty & the authority of His Word. -JDP

3. Why read the Bible & what do you hope to get out of it?

O (of P.R.O.O.F.) = Old Testament gospel truth!

VIDEO: "*DeBunked – God Didn't Mean What He Said*" (3:13)

4. Why read the Bible & what do you hope to get out of it?

O (of P.R.O.O.F.) = Overcoming Objections (with Obedience)!

VIDEO: "*Trust The Bible*" (3:25)

5. Is my faith in the Word's power, patterns, & promises?

F (of P.R.O.O.F.) = Faith in the Word who IS God... **AND...**
faith in ALL the words breathed out by that God.

- **Power** of God's Word
- **Promises** from God's Word
- **Patterns** *IN* God's Word

Remember...

Luke 24:27

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

Don't be a Cleopas! **Don't be a Cleopas!!!**

Remember...

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

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Remember...

**“The new is in the old contained...
and the old is in the new explained.”** - Augustine

PATTERNS – PROMISES – PRESENCE

Wick Broomall - *“A type is a shadow cast on the pages of Old Testament history by a truth whose full embodiment is found in the New Testament revelation”*

CAUTIONS:

Christians are to Unpack vs. Impact biblical texts! - JDP

Christians are to find but not create biblical meaning.

- JDP

VIDEO: “How Does The O.T. Point to Jesus?” (3:25)

“The closer you get to the edge, the better the view.”

- anonymous

*God is providing for our instruction, endurance, encouragement, and, ultimately, our hope. As we see how God unfolds his glorious plan of redemption in Christ and how he keeps all of his promises, we learn to trust, love, and obey him. **The Bible is long and layered for a reason.** It prepares us to see and receive Jesus as the only solution to our problem and the only Savior from our sin. - Wellum*

Types of types & Patterns of pointers: (Introduction)

➤ **People**

- Adam; Melchizedek; prophets, priests, kings

➤ **Places**

- **The Garden of Eden** = the Church & heaven
- **Inside the Ark** = “in Christ” & saved eternal
- **Egypt** = a state of bondage (Gal. 4:2; Rom. 6:17)
- **The belly of the fish** = the crucifixion tomb
- **Babylon** = condition of an apostate church (Rev. 11, 14, 16,17,18)
- **Jerusalem/Zion** = the Church & heaven (Gal. 4:25-26; Heb. 12:22; Rev. 21:2)

➤ **Structures:** The Tabernacle... The Temple...

➤ **Events:** The Flood... the Feasts... the Fights...
• See David & Goliath typologically!

➤ **Colors:** White, purple, scarlet/red...

➤ **Numbers** (for example... **#7 & #40**)

- 7 Days of creation
- 7 good years for Joseph in Egypt
- 7 famine years for Joseph in Egypt
- 7th year Hebrews slaves were set free
- 7 Feasts to observe (3 ran for 7 days)
- See 7's in the Book of Revelation:
 - 7 churches
 - 7 spirits
 - 7 gold-lampstands
 - 7 stars
 - 7 torches of fire
 - 7 seals
 - 7 trumpets
 - 7 thunders
 - 7 golden-bowls
 - 7 plagues

- **The number 40:**
 - 40 days & 40 nights in the FLOOD
 - **Moses:**
 - 40 years in Egypt
 - 40 years in Midian
 - 40 years in the wilderness
 - 40 days on Mount Sinai
 - 40 nights on Mount Sinai
 - 40 days the 12 spies were in Canaan
 - 40 years David ruled
 - 40 years Solomon ruled
 - **JESUS:**
 - 40 days & 40 nights fasting in the tempting wilderness
 - *40 days between Jesus' resurrection & ascension*

What's the big deal???

Richard Dawkins (atheist) – ***The God Delusion*** (2006) –
“...the more we use reason to understand science, the more we see there is no God. When reason looks at the stars above, the earth below, and the soul within, we find not God, but final randomness & meaninglessness. The world does not care, there is no God to care, & love is something that we only imagine...”

VS.

“This world is a theater of God's glory!” - Calvin

“Every square inch of the cosmos speaks of God... because...
He is a communicating God.” - Jonathan Edwards

Christian... we need to read our Bibles better!

- *For what?*
- *So what?*
- *Now what?*

“In every place, if you look, Christ’s symbol is there; and wherever you read (in the Scriptures), you will find His types, for in Christ, all creatures were created and He traces His symbols on His property.” - Ephrem of Syria (4th century)

CLOSE:

I pray that today’s P.R.O.O.F. helps to inspire you...
Jesus is both the **blueprint** AND the **bullseye**
of the Bible

Don’t every forget...

2 Corinthians 1:20

***For every one of God's promises is "Yes" in Him.
Therefore, the "Amen" is also spoken through
Him by us for God's glory.***

Let’s PRAY!