



Articles of Faith

Lesson Two – The Bible

Aim: The Content of the Bible Can Guide Us through Every Aspect of Life

Every Scripture passage is inspired by God. All of them are useful for teaching, pointing out errors, correcting people, and training them for a life that has God's approval.

2 Timothy 3:16 GWT



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Article One – The Bible

We believe the Bible is the Inerrant, Infallible, Inspired and Authoritative Word of God. It does not contain the Word of God. It is the Word of God. Therefore, it is sufficient for things pertaining to God, life and living as it relates to its claims, commands, laws, doctrines and instructions. Furthermore, there is no salvation for fallen humanity outside of that which is contained within its pages.

2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21

We Can Apply It to Every Aspect of Our Lives

As We've Learned, the Bible is the Inspired Word of God, therefore we can trust its content, claims, laws, doctrines, etc. to guide our lives. Many people often think that the Bible is outdated, out of touch, or irrelevant to us today, which could not be further from the truth. If it were true and the Word has somehow lost its relevancy, we would have to question its validity and even question our very belief in Christ. We can not choose to believe everything the Word says about Christ and then ignore or discard what the Word says about living.

The Bible Covers Everything

The Bible contains many subjects, lessons, etc, that describe various aspects of our lives. Our All-Knowing God, inspired men through the Holy Spirit, to fill the Bible with content that would be relevant throughout time and all generations. The Word points our lives in the right direction; it is our compass.

Here are a few examples:

[The 10 Commandments – Exodus 20:1-17*](#)

God gave these commands to Israel, through Moses, instructing them on how they should conduct their lives. These commandments have shaped our moral standards today.

*Try Reading this in The Message

The Bible



- **B**asic
- **I**nstructions
- **B**efore
- **L**eaving
- **E**arth

The Beatitudes – Matthew 5:1-12*

Jesus taught this message in the Sermon on the Mount. He taught us about the attitudes we should all have.

- Blessed are the Poor in Spirit
 - Those acknowledging their need for God their need for Christ will be welcomed into His presence
 - Our acknowledgment is an act of Humility
- Blessed are those who Mourn
 - Those who are sorry for their sin will find comfort in God's forgiveness
- Blessed are the Meek
 - Those who exercise humility will reign with Christ
- Blessed are those Hungry for Righteousness
 - Those who are obeying God's Word will be at Peace with God
- Blessed are the Merciful
 - Those who show mercy, will receive God's Mercy
- Blessed are the Pure in Heart
 - Those who have been made new in Christ will be with God in Heaven
- Blessed are the Peacemakers
 - Those who are seeking good for everyone will be considered 'Godly'
- Blessed are the Persecuted
 - Those persecuted for faith in Jesus will be exalted

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The Lord's Prayer – Matthew 6:9-13

Jesus teaches us how to pray, giving us an outline on how we should structure our prayers

- **Come Humbly** – *"Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name"*
 - Acknowledging the privilege of prayer
 - We should not approach God with an attitude of entitlement
- **Submit** – *"Thy Kingdom Come. Thy Will Be Done on Earth, as it is in Heaven"*
 - When we pray, we can ask God for things but we should ultimately be submitting our lives and situations to God
 - Christ is our example – Luke 22:42
- **Ask** – *"Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us"*
 - We have the right to ask God anything
 - He will provide the answer, whether it's and we like or not, He answers
 - Give Him the opportunity to say yes
- **Repent** – *"And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."*
 - To repent is to turn away
 - Asking God to forgive us with the intent doing better
 - Remember sin separates us from God and we don't want any barricades in our relationship with Him
- **Praise** – *"For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen"*
 - Ephesians 5:20
 - We should live in a state of consistently offering praise to God for all He's done, is doing, and will do
 - He deserves all praise at all times

[Having the Mind of Christ – Philippians 2:5-11](#)

Living Humbly

Jesus emptied Himself – meaning Jesus gave up something when He became man

Jesus decided to limit Himself in order to live as a human being

Humility is submission – Jesus submitted to God the Father and died for us

He lived as a human to understand what we go through

He became like us to die for us so that could forgive us if we believe Him

Jesus voluntarily left Heaven and went to the very lowest position of earth to rescue humanity from God's judgement

This is the greatest example of humility – esteeming others higher than yourself

If Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, God in human form, Lord of All, can do it, who do we think we are to not do it

“Humility is recognizing and accepting our rightful place of subordination to and dependency to God”

[Sowing & Reaping – Galatians 6:7-10](#)

Learning that what we put out comes back

[Psalms 23](#)

Relying on our Good Shepherd to Guide, Provide and Protect Us