

# "WE MUST BELIEVE THE BIBLE"

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Text - Ps. 119:1-11  
I THESS. 2:13

Intro - Some folks put a lot of stock in their denominational label. (Ill. - A Methodist/Presbyterian/Baptist were talking about ways to merge and become one group to reach their community. One of the leaders suggested calling it a Christian Church. One fellow spoke up, "I was born a Baptist, grew up a Baptist, never been anything but a Baptist and no one is going to make a Christian out of me.")

\* - It's not about your denomination or denominational beliefs

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GALLUP POLL - 82% of Am. believe the Bible is the literal, inspired Word of God  
51% of Am. have never read the Bible  
33% that claim to have read it monthly, can't name the 4 Gospels

Barna Group Poll - Among "born again" Christians  
20% read their Bible daily - YET...  
23% say they have never read the Bible

Concl. - "Americans revere the Bible but they don't read it."

SPURGEON - "I would recommend you either believe God up to the hilt, or else not believe at all. Believe the Book of God, any better of it or else reject it. There is no logical place to stand between the two."

"Defend the Bible? I would just as soon defend a lion. Just turn the Bible loose. It will defend itself."

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WHY? INSPIRATION / REVELATION / PRESERVATION / APPLICATION

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~ WHICH ONE? Many translations ~ All different  
"Things That Are Different Are Not The Same"

- Believe the One that has been tested/tried and proven true
- Believe the One ~ with 400+ years of Bearing Fruit
  - ~ beloved every major Revival/Missionary Movement in the past 400 yrs.
  - ~ that all others are compared to
  - ~ honors the Lord Jesus Christ
  - ~ that has no copyright
  - ~ that has no errors or flaws
  - ~ that speaks w/conviction to your soul

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~ WHICH ONE?

- 1- THE BIBLE IN MY HAND
  - \* 55 Teachers/Pastors/Evang./etc. - Do you have a copy today?
  - \* If you don't have God's word today, in your hands, then what are you teaching/preaching? Is your copy trustworthy?
- 2- THE BIBLE IN MY HOUSE ~ go. JOSH. 24:15
  - ↳ Church's Place
  - ↳ Family House
- 3- THE BIBLE IN MY HEAD ~ Ps. 119:9, 11
  - MEDITATE/MEMORIZE/MODEL Ps. 1
- 4- THE BIBLE IN MY HEART - Ps. 119:2, 10, 34, 58, 69, 145
  - "WHOLE HEART"

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I think of the words that were found in **Billy Sunday's Bible**.

"Twenty-nine years ago, with the Holy Spirit as my guide, I entered at the portico of Genesis, walked down the corridor of the Old Testament art galleries, where pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Isaac, Jacob, and Daniel hung on the wall. I passed into the music room of the Psalms where the Spirit sweeps the keyboard of nature until it seems that every reed and pipe in God's great organ responds to the harp of David, the sweet singer of Israel." "I entered into the chamber of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher is heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon and the lily of the valley where sweet spices filled and perfumed my life." "I entered into the business office of Proverbs and on into the observatory of the prophets where I saw telescopes of various sizes pointing off to far away events, concentrating on the Bright and Morning Star which was to arise above the moonlit hills of Judea for our salvation and redemption." "I entered into the audience room of the King of kings, catching a vision written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Thence into the correspondence room with Paul, Peter, James, and John writing their epistles." "I stepped into the throne room of Revelation where tower glittering peaks, where sits the King of Kings upon His throne of glory with the healing of nations in His hand, and I cried out:

*All hail the power of Jesus name! Let angel's prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all."*

**The Russian Dictionary** defines the Bible as a "collection of fantastic legends without scientific support. It is full of dark hints, historical mistakes, and contradictions. It serves as a factor for gaining power and subjugating unknowing nations" Yet I remind you that the power, influence, and philosophies of Russia have wilted and crumbled with time, but the Bible has never waned in its power or influence. It is not of man but of God. ("The Tale of Tardy Oxcart" by Charles Swindoll)

Some people's knowledge of the Bible is a tragedy. I think of the fellow who was preaching and said:

*"Once upon a time a man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves and the thorns grew up and choked that man and he went on and he didn't have no money and he met the Queen of Sheba, and she gave that man - she gave that man, sir, a thousand talents of gold and silver and a hundred changes of raiment's. And when he was driving along under a big tree, his hair got caught in a limb and left him hanging there. Yes, sir. And he hung there many days and many nights and the ravens brought him food to eat and water to drink. And one night while he was hanging there asleep, his wife, Delilah, come along and cut his hair off, and he dropped and fell on stony ground and it began to rain and it rained forty days and forty nights. And he hid himself in a cave. And the man went out into the highways and byways and compelled him to come in. He went on and come to Jerusalem and he seen Queen Jezebel sitting high up in the window and when she saw him she laughed and he said, "Throw her down out of there," and they threw her down. And he said, "Throw her down again," and they threw her down, seventy times seventy times and the fragments they picked up were twelve baskets full. Now whose wife will she be in the days of judgment?"*