

The Bible as God’s Word

Proverbs 30:5-6 – “Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.”

Luke 21:33 – “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 – “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Hebrews 4:12 – “For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

The Ten Commandments (The Law)

Exodus 20:2-17 and **Deuteronomy 5:6-21:**

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol...
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God...
4. Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy...
5. Honor your father and your mother...
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not give false testimony...
10. You shall not covet...

Matthew 5:28 – “Anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

1 John 3:15 – “Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.”

The Consequences of Sin (Breaking the Law)

Deuteronomy 5:11 (also **Exodus 20:7**) – “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.”
Ecclesiastes 12:14 – “For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.”

Psalms 51:4 – “Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.”

Mark 8:36 – “What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?”

Romans 6:23 – “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 14:12 – “So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.”

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 – “Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.”

Galatians 5:19-21 – “The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Hebrews 9:27 – “Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.”

Hebrews 10:31 – “It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

James 2:10 – “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.”

Revelation 21:8 – “The cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars – their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur.”

The Value of the Law in Recognizing Sin

Psalms 19:7 – “The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.”

Romans 3:20 – “Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.”

Romans 7:7 – “I would not have known what sin was except through the law.”

Galatians 3:24 – “So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.”

1 Timothy 1:8 – “We know that the law is good if one uses it properly.”

1 John 3:4 – “Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.”

The Need for Repentance and Faith

Mark 1:15 – “Repent and believe the good news.”

Luke 13:3 – “Unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

John 3:19 – “Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.”

Acts 3:19 – “Repent, then, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Acts 20:21 – “I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.”

Romans 3:12 – “There is no one who does good, not even one.”

Romans 3:23 – “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 10:9-10 – “That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with the heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”

2 Corinthians 6:2 – “Now is the day of salvation.”

2 Corinthians 7:10 – “Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation.”

2 Peter 3:9 – “He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

Salvation in Jesus Alone

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:17-18 – “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”

John 3:36 – “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on him.”

John 14:6 – “Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

Acts 4:12 – “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

Romans 8:1 – “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

1 Timothy 2:5 – “For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

James 2:19 – “You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder.”

God Evident in Creation and in Our Conscience

Psalms 19:1 – “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”

Romans 1:20 – “For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”

Romans 2:14-15 – “Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.”

God’s Role in Salvation

John 6:44 – “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.”

Ephesians 2:8-9 – “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.”

James 4:6 – “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

1 John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

Evidence of Salvation

Psalms 19:14 – “May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.”

Matthew 7:16 – “By their fruit you will recognize them.”

Matthew 7:21 – “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

Acts 26:20 – “I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds.”

Romans 12:2 – “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Romans 12:9 – “Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 – “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

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2 Corinthians 13:5 – “Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith.”

Galatians 5:22-23 – “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

Galatians 5:24 – “Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.”

Philippians 4:8 – “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.”

Hebrews 6:1 – “Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God.”

1 John 2:3-4 – “We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, ‘I know him,’ but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

The Mandate to Witness

Matthew 4:19 – “‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will make you fishers of men.’”

Matthew 28:19-20 – “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Mark 16:15 – “He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.’”

Luke 10:2 – “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Luke 11:23 – “He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters.”

Luke 14:23 – “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.’”

Luke 19:10 – “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

Acts 1:8 – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Hebrews 2:15 – “Free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.”

1 Peter 3:15 – “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

Jude 22-23 – “Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.”

Encouragement to Witness

Joshua 1:9 – “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Proverbs 11:30 – “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.”

Isaiah 41:10 – “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Mark 10:27 – “All things are possible with God.”

Luke 6:22-23 – “Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.”

Romans 1:16 – “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.”

Romans 10:14-15 – “How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”

Philippians 4:13 – “I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”

2 Timothy 1:7-8 – “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord.”

Tips for Memorizing Scripture

1. Split a verse into short phrases and repeat one phrase several times before adding the next phrase.
2. Go through all verses looking at the reference and reciting the text. Then go through all verses looking at the text and reciting the reference.

Memorizing Scripture and Sharing the Gospel

Memorizing Scripture helps us deal with temptation, strengthens our faith, and equips us to have gospel conversations with others. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, over 150,000 people in the world die daily. That’s nearly two deaths per second, most of whom die without knowing Christ. We must memorize God’s Word not just for our personal growth, but also for others who need to hear His Word through us.

Evangelism is part of the mandate to all Christians to “make disciples of all nations.” Many fail to share the gospel out of fear. One way to conquer fear is to do repeatedly that which we fear. If perfect love casts out fear, we must love others enough to share the gospel.

The goal of witnessing is not to get people to “accept Jesus into their heart” or “make a decision for Christ”—phrases with no biblical basis. The goal is to speak the truth in love so that others become aware of their sin, of the penalty for sin, of the Good News that Jesus paid the fine for our sin on the cross, and that He offers forgiveness and eternal life to all who repent of their sin and trust in Him.

There is no magical, quick prayer people should repeat, mistakenly believing their eternity is then settled. Their confession of sin and trusting in the Savior should come from their own heart and be in their own words.

“Making a decision for Christ” is not biblical evidence of salvation. Real evidence is a changed life, growing in Christlikeness, bearing godly fruit, enduring in the faith, desiring time in God’s Word daily and obeying it.

We cannot save anyone. God does that. Success is not measured by how others respond, how many respond, or even if they respond. We are to be faithful, obedient witnesses, trusting God to use our efforts for His glory.

Recommended Resources

Books: Radical by David Platt; The Naked Gospel by Andrew Farley; Heaven by Randy Alcorn; The School of Biblical Evangelism by Kirk Cameron & Ray Comfort; Not a Fan by Kyle Idleman

Bibles: MacArthur Study Bible; ESV Study Bible; The Apologetics Study Bible

Web sites: biblegateway.com; wayofthemaster.com; livingwaters.com; operationworld.org

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