

Stick with the Bible

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I. Introduction.

- A. Subject: stick with the Bible.
- B. The Word of God is precious.

II. Stick with the Bible. (2 Timothy 3)

- A. Because of the testimony of others. Paul reminds Timothy to stick with the Bible because of the godly people that influenced him.
- B. Because of the experience of salvation.
 - 1. Faith in the Bible does not save - faith in Christ does.
 - 2. Yet we would know nothing of Christ apart from the Scriptures
 - 3. Only with a confidence in the authority of Scripture can we be effective in evangelism.
- C. Because it is inspired by God.
 - 1. The Apostle John, John Wycliffe, William Tyndale and others all were involved in scenarios where the Scripture was at the center of the battle.
 - 2. The battle today is whether man is the authority or God is through the Scriptures.
 - 3. We have what was originally written.
 - a. We do not have original manuscripts but this is good because people would worship them or easily forge them.
 - b. We have manuscripts, versions, and commentaries of the early fathers to reproduce the original documents accurately.
 - 4. Reasons to believe the Bible.
 - a. It is remarkably consistent with itself.
 - b. It writes detailed history ahead of time.
 - c. It is consistent with history.
 - d. It is consistent with life.
 - 5. Primary reasons to believe the Bible.

a. By faith that supplants reason.

b. By obedience.

c. By use.

6. The Bible is profitable - this is the main emphasis.

a. The Bible should be the primary tool for Bible study.

b. To insulate oneself against the Bible, all one needs to do is surround himself with a lot of other books about it.

7. The Bible is up to date. It answers simply the great issues concerning parenting for instance.

D. Because it is sufficient.

1. The Bible is indispensable.

2. The issue is not whether another person believes it, but whether you believe it.

III. Consequences of sticking with the Bible.

A. In light of Jesus' return to judge, the Word is to be preached. Convince, rebuke and exhort.

B. Always be steady, calm and cool under fire and in the midst of distractions. Fulfill your ministry. (Colossians 4:17)

Application questions

1. Which two reasons to stick with the Bible stand out to you? Explain.

2. What are some of the results of the Bible being inspired?

3. How should your personal witness look different if you believe the Bible wholeheartedly? How can you increase your daily intake of God's Word? Explain.
