

Why the Bible

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I. Introduction.

A. Military service and the university is hard on the Christian faith. The university is overly-wise, humanistic, an assumption of qualification in one field assumes qualification in every field and a desire to become God. The flesh profits nothing. (Ecclesiastes 7:16; 1 Corinthians 3:19; Jeremiah 17:9; Colossians 2:8; John 6:63; Proverbs 9:10; Isaiah 47:10)

B. The Bible does not need defense, but certain facts can affirm our faith.

II. The Judeo-Christian ethic of the Bible is the mortar of western civilization.

III. The Bible is the best source of authority.

A. The church can be corrupt.

B. The intellectualists cannot depend on their own reasons.

C. The existentialists are whim to their moving emotions.

D. The Bible is not subject to reason or emotion. It brings rule to our lives. (Psalm 119:19)

IV. The great attacks on Christianity have always been on the authority of the Word of God or on the person and work of Jesus.

V. The Bible says the upright man must walk by faith—it is not an intellectual creed. (Romans 1:17)

VI. Some attack the Bible on the basis of history. Archaeology is always finding proof of Scriptural events.

VII. Some attack the Bible on scientific grounds.

A. Isaiah 40:22 revealed that the earth was spherical before the rest of history.

B. Luke 17 suggests the earth turning on its axis.

C. Leviticus 17:11 revealed the power of blood.

D. 2 Peter 3:10 hinted at the possibility of the destruction of the earth.

VIII. Do not downgrade the Word of God. It is indestructible. (John 12:48; 3:16)

IX. The problem of Bible belief is a problem of the heart—it is not basically intellectual. (Luke 20:25; 1 Peter 2:8)

X. Get into the Bible...

A. To know God. (Hosea 6:6)

- B. To be like God. (Romans 8:29)
- C. To be equipped for the battle. (2 Timothy 3:17)
- D. To receive guidance. (Psalm 119:105; Hebrews 2:1)
- E. Because it is authoritative.
- F. Because it works.

XI. We must be careful in college classes. (Proverbs 19:20)

XII. The only way to change a life is through Jesus.

XIII. The Bible is the Word of God, and Jesus is the only way for a sinful man.

IX. Reasons why the Word of God might be ineffective.

- A. Neglect.
- B. Doubt.
- C. Disobedience.

Application questions:

1. What are the most convincing reasons for getting in the Bible in your opinion?

2. How can we protect ourselves against attacks in the Bible in the classroom?

3. What is your plan for growing in your understanding of the Bible in the long term? Explain.
