

Bible Study Introduction

The Bible • Best selling book of all time

Some Other World Views

Non-Religious

- Atheism
- New Age
- Secular Humanism

Other Religious Texts

- Hinduism
- Buddhism
- Muslim

OT - Judaism

- Bad Practice**

 - Putting doctrinal purity before love
 - Major on the minors
 - Separation
- Attack on the Truth**

 - Voluntary martyrdom
 - Forced "conversions"
 - Persecution & wars

Erroneous Interpretation

- Discovery of "new truth"
- Imbalance



Extra-Biblical Truth

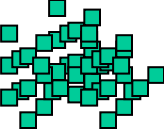
- New writings
- Denial of historic faith
- Limit freedom of conscience



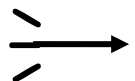
- ☒ Falsehood ↓
- ☒ Imbalance ↓
- ☒ Heresy ↓
- ☒ Apostasy ↓
- ☒ Damnation

The Holy Bible

What it is



How it came to be



What it says



What it means



What it implies



Local Church



Denominations



Christian Unity



- ☒ Truth ↓
- ☒ Balance ↓
- ☒ Orthodoxy ↓
- ☒ Catholicity ↓
- ☒ Eternal Life

Assumptions

- God exists
- The Bible is God's Word
- It's understandable
- It's pertinent to us today
- The NIV is legitimate

Old Testament

- History
- Law

New Testament

- Wisdom & Poetry
- Prophecy
- Gospels
- Church Letters
- Theology
- Revelation

Original Languages

- Ancient Hebrew
- Greek

Today's Versions

Hurdles

- Translations
- Customs of ancient peoples
- Biblical Language

Relationships

- With God
- With others

Know Ourselves

- How to live
- How to love
- Daily priorities

Biblical Summaries

- Creeds, Confessions
- Catechisms, Liturgies
- Theologies

Church Polity

- Organization & roles
- Ecumenical councils

Future Things

- Rapture
- 2nd Coming
- Judgment
- New Heaven / New Earth
- Home of God among Men

Is not

- Self-help book
- Science text
- Theology
- Catechism
- Apology

A Collection

- 66 Books; 40 Authors
- 1600 years in writing

The "Canon"

- Writings received as authoritative by God's people

Understanding It

- It tells us to study it
- Timothy learned it as a child
- God can help us understand

Interpretation

- How to interpret is critical
- Normal linguistic rules apply

God's Family

- Worships Him
- Serves each other
- Proclaims Good News
- Church Traditions
- Passes on the faith
- Observes the sacraments
- Uses gifts for service

Christ's Church

- Loves one another
- Unity in diversity

Christ's Kingdom

- Grows in number
- Acts as "salt & light"
- Peace on Earth