

Bible Study Introduction

Assumptions

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

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

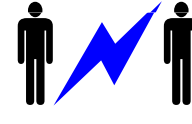
Extra-Biblical Truth

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

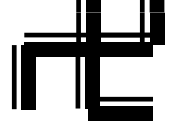
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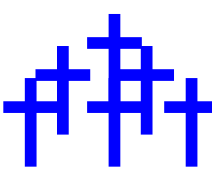
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Religious
Wars

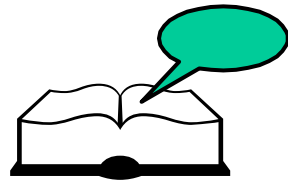
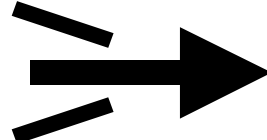
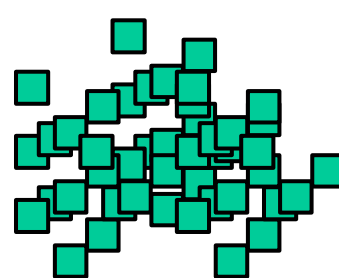


Falsehood ↓
Imbalance ↓
Heresy ↓
Apostasy ↓
Damnation



Truth →
Balance →
Orthodoxy →
Catholicity →
Eternal Life

The
Holy
Bible



What it
is

What it
contains

How it
came to be

What it
says

What it
means

What it
implies

Local
Church

Denomi-
nations

Christian
Unity

End
Times

The Bible Is

- Inspired
- Eternal
- Consistent
- Inexhaustible
- Truth
- God's self-revelation to man
- Bad news/Good news (sin/gospel)
- Self-authenticating

A Collection

- 66 Books
- 40 Authors
- 1600 years

Old Testament

- Creation
- Early Civilization
- Nation of Israel

New Testament

- Jesus
- The Church
- The End Times
- 25% Prophecy

The Bible Is Not

- A proof of God
- A defense of God
- A self-help book
- A text on science, history or theology

Original Languages

- Hebrew, Aramaic
- Greek

Today's Versions

- Translations
- Difficulties
- Customs of ancient peoples
- Biblical language

Relationships

- With God
- With others

Know Ourselves

- How to live
- How to love
- Daily priorities

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

Biblical Summaries

- Creeds, confessions
- Catechisms, liturgies
- Theologies

Church Iolity

- Organizatin & roles
- Ecumenica councils

God's Family

- Worships him
- Serves eachother
- Proclaims God News
- Church Traditions
- Passes on the faith
- Observes the sacraments
- Uses gifts forservice

Future Things

- Rapture
- 2nd coming
- Judgment

- New heaven & new Earth
- Home of God among men

Christ's Church

- Loves one another
- Unity in diversity
- Christ's Kingdom
- Grows in number
- Acts as "salt & light"
- Peace on Earth