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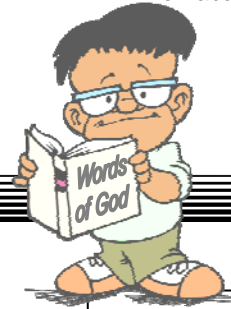
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The Bible & Your Salvation

The Centrality of Scripture

part 1



Romans 3:1-2

¹ What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision?
² Much in every way! First of all, they have been entrusted with the very words of God.
(NIV)

1. Reconsider _____ (v.2b)

2. Ponder _____ (v.1-2a)

3. Prove _____



Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Much like the claims of Christ, which are (as C.S. Lewis pointed out) too extreme to casually dismiss, the Bible claims to be much more than just a "good book." How does the claim of **Romans 3:2** change our options about what we consider the Bible to be?
2. What do you consider to be the advantage of God communicating to us by recording and "inscripturating" his information in written form, as opposed to some other method?
3. How would your attitude be different if you interfaced with the Bible with a more accurate view of what the Bible claims to be – "the very words of God"?
4. Rate your participation in the "five demonstrations" of how highly you view the Bible's importance (from point three of the sermon). Which of these five has been neglected the most in your life?
5. What one measurable thing do you hope to change about your personal Bible study habits in the new year?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this
week's schedule:

January 11th

Gen.22-23 & Mt. 11

January 12th

Gen.24-25 & Mt. 12

January 13th

Gen.26-27 & Mt. 13

January 14th

Gen.28-29 & Mt. 14

January 15th

Gen.30-31 & Mt. 15

January 16th

Gen.32-33 & Mt. 16

January 17th

Gen.34-35 & Mt. 17

January 18th

Gen.36-37 & Mt. 18

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0658 – **God's Words: Our Most Underappreciated Commodity**

CD # 0619 – **How Do We Decipher Truth in an Age of Conspiracy, Distrust and Relativism?**

CD # 0659 – **Shoring Up Our Understanding of Biblical Inspiration**

CD # 0605 – **A Sharp Sword: The Nature & Impact of God's Written Revelation**

*Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to **www.CompassBooks.org.**)*

Belcher, Richard. **The Layman's Guide to the Inerrancy Debate.** Moody Press, 1980.

Blomberg, Craig. **The Historical Reliability of the Gospels,** InterVarsity, 1986.

Bruce, F.F. **The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?** Eerdmans Publishing, 1984.

Ewert, David. **From Ancient Tablets to Modern Translations: A General Introduction to the Bible.** Zondervan, 1993.

Fee, Gordon and Douglas Stuart. **How to Read the Bible Book by Book.** Zondervan, 2002.

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Geisler, Norman & William Nix. **A General Introduction to the Bible: Revised and Expanded.** Moody Press, 1986.

Hendricks, Howard G. & William D. Hendricks. **Living By the Book.** Moody Press, 1991.

Henry, Carl F. **God, Revelation, and Authority: God Who Speaks And Shows, volumes 1 - 6.** Crossway Books, 1999.

Lightner, R. **A Biblical Case for Total Inerrancy: How Jesus Viewed the Old Testament.** Kregel Publications, 1998.

Logos Research Systems. **Libronix Bible Study Software.** (Bible software) See logos.com or the Compass bookstore.

MacArthur, Jr., John. **How to Get the Most From God's Word.** Word, 1997.

McDowell, Josh. **The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict: Evidence I & II.** Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1999.

Pache, Rene. **The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture.** Moody Press, 1969.

Stein, Robert H. **A Basic Guide to Interpreting the Bible: Playing By the Rules.** Baker Books, 1994.

Virkler, Henry A. **Hermeneutics: Principles and Processes of Biblical Interpretation.** Baker Books, 1981.