

# “GIVE ME THE BIBLE!!!”

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Our pewpackers love to sing the song, “Give Me The Bible.” They love it because they love the Bible. We sing this song at VBS year after year, attempting to teach young people to love the Bible enough to read it and rely on it for the decisions they will make in life. What are some reasons why we teach our young people, and ourselves as well, to sing this song?

## Deserves to be Studied

The Bible deserves to be read because it is from the mind of God. Paul wrote to Timothy and said: ***“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” -- 2 Tim 3:16-17.*** Thus, the Bible is “God-breathed.” Since He is the Creator and since He is the Sustainer of life, the Bible deserves to be read because it is His word. He loved us and gave His Son to die for us, therefore, we ought to desire to read His word. The Bible deserves to be read because its foundation is in heaven and can not be moved. The psalmist said: ***“For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.” -- Psa 119:89.*** The word of God is “settled” in heaven. This word means..... pillar, rear up, set (over, up) stablish, (make to) stand (-ing, still, up, upright). This is God’s word is established in heaven and will not be uprooted. Paul wrote: ***“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” -- 2 Tim 2:19.*** Paul wrote this in the context of speaking of some who no longer spoke the truth, but that fact didn’t change the fact God’s foundation could not be shaken.

## Designed to Save the Soul

Not only should we take the Bible because it is from heaven, but it is designed to save man’s soul. James wrote: ***“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.” -- James 1:21.*** When the word is taken into the heart, believed and obeyed, it will save man’s soul. By hearing and heeding what it says, man can have fellowship with God. Why is this possible? The New testament was ratified or dedicated by the blood of Jesus: ***“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.” -- Heb 9:12.....How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.” -- Heb 9:14-15.*** God required blood to be sprinkled in order for the Old Testament to be ratified: ***“Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.” -- Heb 9:18-20.*** The blood of Christ purchased the church (Acts 20:28) and by this same blood God dedicated the New Testament. It is priceless and precious, saving those who will obey its teachings. Jesus Himself said: ***“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” -- Mat 7:21***

## Destroys Satan and His Messengers

We also can take the Bible because it destroys Satan and his preachers. Satan is our adversary - 1 Pet 5:8. Since the garden of Eden, he has been altering and attacking God and His word. Today we have many denominational preachers and liberal brethren who teach those things contrary to the will of God. These can

be defeated by the word of God if we know it and if we care to defeat them. The Proverbs writer said: ***"The legs of the lame are not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools."*** -- **Prov 26:7**. Those who teach error can not defend it with Scripture, only with feelings. They can not give us a "thus saith the Lord" for their error, only a "thus saith me or my kind." We can defeat them if we care to defeat them. We live a lazy age, in which many do not care to get involved enough to defeat those in error. They would rather accept them in and allow them to spread their venom in many places. What a shame it will be on Judgment Day when the Lord calls His slothful servants together and asks them why they did not get more involved. The word of God will defeat our enemy, if we know who our enemy is!!!!

"Give Me The Bible" is the cry of our pewpackers, but it should also be the cry of our adults!!!!!! May it ever be our cry! May we never be ashamed of what it says or what it costs us to **STAND IN THE GAP** to defend it and defeat those who would pollute it!!!!

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