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I BELIEVE IN THE BIBLE; GOD'S HOLY WORD! Nothing is more basic to what I believe than this. I believe that the Bible is God's word. I believe that he spoke through selected men to pen his words to man. I believe that all ministry must be in accordance with His word. Outside of His word the ministry belongs to someone else.

Simply put, I believe that we should speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where it does not speak. It is relevant to all generations... ALL GENERATIONS. It cannot be outdated. It is always modern and up to date. It is more current than today's headlines. When all the scoffers and those who write the "best selling books" are dead and their books are collecting dust somewhere, the Bible will still be alive and vibrant and relevant to each succeeding generation and men of great wisdom will still be reading it.

It is the Bible that tells us about Jesus; the one and only savior of the world. It tells us how this world and mankind were created. It also tells us about the end of the world as we know it and about the future we can have with Him in heaven if we so choose.

It tells us about the character of God; what he likes and what he doesn't like... what he loves and what he hates; about his wrath and about his love and mercy.

It is the Bible that tells us how to be saved and have eternal life. It tells us how to live our daily life and how to treat our brother and sister. It tells us how to conduct business and how to have peace in our heart.

In the Bible is all we need to know about God. We don't need thousands of books about God; only the Bible. Obviously, we need basic study

helps such as dictionaries, commentaries etc. But all books that we read should only be trusted if the author has the correct attitude toward the Bible. That attitude is that if you can't prove it by the Bible without twisting and distorting then we don't accept it. The attitude should be that the Bible is everything.

Some use the Bible as a Trojan horse. Remember the story about how a huge wooden horse was constructed in which many men could hide. For many days the army had tried unsuccessfully to penetrate their enemy's fortress. So in a brilliant move they hid their warriors inside this horse and presented it as a gift to the fortress which they could not conquer. The gates were opened willingly and the horse was pushed inside and gladly accepted by their enemies. Once inside the men came out of the horse and won the fight. This reminds me of how some use the Bible. It is only a covering for the false doctrines they preach. They quote scripture and then go on to teach whatever they want with little or no regard for the truth. This is 180 degrees out of sync with what I believe.

I believe the Bible is God's gift to man so that we may know Him....

THAT WE MAY KNOW HIM! We can find all we need to know about God in his book; **THE BIBLE!** It is an endless well of comfort, strength, answers, advice, joy and much, much more.

You ask me what I believe? Not a problem. Just look at what the Bible says on this matter and you've got it.

**For those of you who need a few specifics as to
what we believe I submit the following...**

I BELIEVE.....

- In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
- In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
- That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead. That He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
- That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
- That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
- In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
- Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
- In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
- In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
- In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
- In divine healing.
- In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
- In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
- In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous, and eternal punishment for