

## FOUNDATION CORNERSTONE

### FCS1-4-03: The Purpose of the Bible

*The scriptures in the Bible are believed to be God inspired and are the foundation of spiritual growth and maturity.*

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

**Psalm 119:105** Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

*The Bible is more than just a moral book; the Bible illuminates the reality of our existence. Here are four important points to review from the Bible:*

**1. God Defines Himself:** *God identifies Himself through His Word. He is the creator of the universe and all forms of life.*

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

**John 1: 1-5** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

**Isaiah 44:6-8** Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. 7 And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them. 8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.

**John 4:23-24** But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

**2. God Defines the Purpose of Man:** *The Bible helps us understand who we are and what our purpose is in this life. We are created in the image of God for His purpose within our lives individually.*

**Genesis 1:27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

**2 Timothy 1:9-11** Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, 10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: 11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

**2 Corinthians 4:1-7** Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commanding ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the

light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

**2 Corinthians 5:18-20** And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

**Mark 16:15-16** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

**Matthew 28:19-20** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

**3. God Declares His Plan of Redemption:** *Throughout the Bible, God declares His plan to redeem mankind back to Him. Through prophecy His plan was made known and accomplished. Isaiah described the coming of the Messiah who would die for the sins of the world.*

**Isaiah 9:6** For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

**Matthew 1:21-23** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

**Romans 3:24-26** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

**John 3:16-19** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

**4. God Declares Our Future:** *For those redeemed, their future is with God; for those that don't have redemption, they will be forever separated from Him. Using the Bible as a guide, the Spirit of God gives us direction during our life, preparing us for His judgment and the eternal life to come.*



**John 5:27-29** And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

**1 Peter 4:17-19** For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it* first *begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God? 18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? 19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls *to him* in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

**1 Corinthians 15:49-52** And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

*The Bible also reveals divine commands and principles regarding the way we ought to live. Faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ transforms who we are by enabling us to carry out the will of God in our lives. These biblical instructions give us spiritual guidance on His will regarding how we should live.*

*The Bible is our instruction in righteousness. It provides the doctrine to direct mankind unto all good works, holiness and especially unto eternal life.*



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### Question 1

As described in 2 Timothy 3:16, what is the scripture profitable for?

- Doctrine.
- Correction.
- Making Money.
- Reproof.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

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### Question 2

As described in Genesis 1:1, which answer best describes God?

- God is a Spirit.
- God is the creator of the Heavens and the Earth.
- God rewards those that diligently seek Him.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

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### Question 3

As described in Isaiah 44:6-8, God is ...

- the first;
- the mighty team of spiritual beings.
- the last;
- one; with no other beside Him.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

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### Question 4

As described by 2 Timothy 1:9-11, the calling of God is ...

- to make as much money as possible in this life.
- the purpose of God within our individual lives.
- without repentance.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

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### Question 5

As described by Matthew 28:19-20, what may the reader assume that they are to do?

- Cast out Devils.
- Heal the sick and raise the dead.
- Go out and teach all nations the things Jesus had commanded.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)



### **FCS1-4-03: The Purpose of the Bible (Continued)**

#### **Question 6**

As described in 2 Corinthians 5:18-20, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God is reaching out to people through us.

True

False

True/False

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#### **Question 7**

As described in Matthew 1:21-23, God's plan of redemption of mankind is ...

the golden rule.

through Jesus.

in the Jordan river.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

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#### **Question 8**

As described by John 3:17, God sent His Son into the world to condemn it.

True

False

True/False

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#### **Question 9**

As described in John 5:27-29, Jesus said that in the future for every person, there are ...

choices to make regarding believing in Him.

two masters. Each person must choose one or the other.

one of two resurrections; one of life and one of damnation.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

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#### **Question 10**

As described in 1 Corinthians 15:52, the righteous will be raised incorruptible within a moment.

True

False

True/False

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