

The Autobiography Of God

(also know as The Bible)

Before you can begin to study the Bible, there are some things you need to know about the Bible. The Bible is different than any other book. That should be no surprise because it was written by the Creator of the Universe!

First, the word of God is alive. The word “quick” means “living.” It is the only book that will read you. The writer of Hebrews says that the word of God discerns (knows) your thoughts and intentions.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Second, in our natural state, we cannot understand God.

1 Corinthians 2:14

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned

God must reveal Himself to us by His Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:10-11

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so **the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.**

God's Spirit connects with our spirit when we are believers—children of God.

Romans 8:14-16

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. **The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:**

Here's how God works. Job explains that our breath is the spirit of God in our nostrils.

Job 27:3

All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

Job 33:4

The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

God also breathed the breath of life into animals (all flesh!)

Genesis 6:17

And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

The scriptures, the Bible, tell us about God and were written by God the Holy Ghost. The Bible is God's autobiography.

God even tells us how to study the Bible, His autobiography, so we can understand Him.

2 Timothy 2:15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

This autobiography is different from all others. It does not start with the birth or "beginning" of God. "The beginning" in Genesis is the beginning of heaven and earth.

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

God has no beginning and He will have no end! The Bible tells us that it was actually God, the Son, Jesus Christ (the Word) who created all things.

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

God has no beginning. He always was and is and is to come.

Revelation 4:8-9

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.** And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, **who liveth for ever and ever,**

Jesus, too, exists in eternity. The Father loved Him before the foundation of the world.

John 17:24

Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: **for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.**

Amazingly, God knew about and loved all of us believers before the foundation of the world!

Ephesians 1:4

According as **he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.

God is not constrained by the limitations of time.

Job 36:26

Behold, God is great, and we know him not, **neither can the number of his years be searched out.**

There will come a day when we will no longer be constrained by time! God, “him that liveth for ever and ever,” will take away time!

Revelation 10:6

And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein

are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, **that there should be time no longer:**

God told Isaiah that He existed before there ever was a day.

Isaiah 43:13

Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

It is difficult for us, who can expect to live seventy years, and maybe more, in labor and sorrow, to conceive of a someone who has always been and will always be.

Psalm 90:10

The **days of our years are threescore years and ten;** and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

You must also know that the Bible was written by the Holy Ghost. Peter explains how.

2 Peter 1:19-21

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto

a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. **For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

There are many churches that profess to believe the Bible, but say there are errors or contradictions in it because it was written by men. Men did write down the scriptures--as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. There is no chance the Holy Ghost made mistakes in His dictation!

1 Thessalonians 2:13

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, **when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God,** which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

You must understand that the Bible is complete. There is no new information to be added. Paul was given the responsibility of completing it.

Colossians 1:25-29

Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, **to fulfil the word of God**; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Not only do we have God's word that the Bible is complete, we have His assurance that He will preserve His word for us forever.

Psalms 12:6-7

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.
Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

Jesus told the Jewish leadership that the scriptures are the power of God!

Matthew 22:29

Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, **not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.**

When Jesus was on earth, He told His disciples that the scriptures testified of Him.

John 5:39

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and **they are they which testify of me.**

Jesus also told His disciples that He and God the Father are one. What is true for Jesus, is true for the Father.

John 10:30

I and my Father are one.

John 14:10

Believest thou not that **I am in the Father, and the Father in me?** the words that **I speak unto you I speak not of myself:** but **the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.**

The Bible is truth.

John 17:17

Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth.**

The Holy Ghost is equal to God the Father and Jesus Christ, so everything about in this Bible study applies to Him, too. Don't let anyone tell you that you worship three Gods. God is one being in three persons. The Holy Ghost tells us that God is one Lord.

Deuteronomy 6:4

Hear, O Israel: **The LORD our God is one LORD:**

Mark 12:29

And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; **The Lord our God is one Lord:**

1 John 5:7

This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the **Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.**

Don't let "the Word" throw you off. Jesus is also known as the Word of God (capital W.)

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.**

It is easy to substitute "Jesus Christ" for "the Word." In the beginning was Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ was with God, and Jesus Christ was God. Jesus came to earth as a baby, He was made flesh.

John 1:10-14

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**

Jesus will come to earth the second time as a conquering King.

Revelation 19:11-13

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and **he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written**, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and **his name is called The Word of God.**

Some people simply decide that they will not believe something they do not understand. They decide there is no such thing as God! God tells us about people who do that. They are fools!

Psalms 14:1

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.) **The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.** They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

Psalms 53:1

(To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, A Psalm of David.) **The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.** Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.

What is God's Name? Moses was the first person on record to ask God His name.

Exodus 3:13

And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, **What is his name? what shall I say unto them?**

God told Moses, "I AM" is His name!

Exodus 3:14-15

And **God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.** And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: **this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.**

Jesus' name is above every other name.

Everyone, believers and unbelievers alike, will bow their knees and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

Wherefore **God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:** That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

God's name is very important to Him. Following is the Third Commandment that God gave to Moses to give to the people of Israel when they were ready to set up their Kingdom.

Exodus 20:7

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

We are told not to swear by God's name, or anything else that is God's. We are to answer, "yes" or "no" and leave it at that.

Matthew 5:33-37

Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, **Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by**

the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

God's word? God magnifies His word above all His name!

Psalm 138:2

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

The word of God, like God Himself, lives forever.

1 Peter 1:23

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, **by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.**

Whatever God does is forever.

Ecclesiastes 3:14

I know that, **whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing**

taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

How does God look? Moses asked God to show Himself to Moses. God told him that no man could see His face and live.

Exodus 33:18-20

And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. **And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.**

John confirms that no man has seen God.

1 John 4:12

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

The Bible tells us that God is a spirit.

John 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

We have no photographs of Jesus, but it seems that while He was on earth, He looked like everyone else in His day. Isaiah wrote about Jesus before He was born. He said Jesus' appearance would be nothing special.

Isaiah 33:1-2

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: **he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.**

The disciples, Peter, James, and John were allowed to get a glimpse of what Jesus really looks like when Jesus was transfigured before them.

Matthew 17:1-2

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and **his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.**

Where does God live? Most people know that God lives in heaven.

Psalms 115:3

But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

The Bible tells us where Jesus is today. He is in heaven, seated at the right hand of The Father.

Ephesians 1:20

Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and **set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,**

The Bible says that from His place at the right hand of The Father, Jesus Christ is interceding on our behalf! What a wonderful God we have!

Romans 8:34

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, **that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.**

The Holy Ghost, also known as The Comforter, is at work on earth today. He places every believer into Christ's body, then seals every believer by indwelling his heart. He is with us and in us. He teaches believers and reminds us of things we have learned.

Ephesians 1:22-23

And hath put all things under his feet, and **gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body**, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Ephesians 2:18-22

For through him **we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father**. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit**.

1 Corinthians 2:13

Which things also we speak, **not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth**; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

The Holy Ghost, the Spirit of truth, does not speak of Himself, but He glorifies Jesus Christ. That's what Pentecostal churches have wrong, they focus on the Holy Ghost.

John 16:13-14

Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself;** but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and **he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me:** for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

It is a great thing for us believers that God can be everywhere at one time. We don't even have to look for Him! If you are a believer, He lives in your heart! You are His temple!

God the Father:

2 Corinthians 6:16

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for **ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

1 Corinthians 3:16

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

God the Son:

Romans 8:9

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Ephesians 3:17

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
And God the Holy Ghost.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?** If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

1 Corinthians 6:19

What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?**

This gives us another intercessor for us with The Father! The Spirit, because He knows our hearts, intercedes for us with God the Father whenever we pray! God tells us that we do not know what we should pray for as we ought. With the Holy Ghost interceding for us, we know that every

prayer is heard and answered according to the will of God.

Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but **the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**

God tells us what He wants. He wants all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth (His word.) When we have faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are no longer separated from God.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of **God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, **how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**

God also wants to live with us! Time and time again throughout the Bible, God has made plans to live with man.

2 Corinthians 6:16

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for **ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

God will not pass His judgement on the world while we, the Church, the Body of Christ are still on this world.

Romans 5:9

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, **we shall be saved from wrath through him.**

Did you know that there are some things that God cannot do? How does that make you feel? After you find out what those things are, you will be very pleased that He cannot do them. The Bible tells us that God cannot lie, He does not change His mind (repent,) and He always does what He says He will do.

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Titus 1:2

In hope of eternal life, **which God, that cannot lie**, promised before the world began;

Hebrews 6:18

That by two immutable things, **in which it was impossible for God to lie**, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

God cannot deny Himself!

2 Timothy 2:13

If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

God does not change.

Malachi 3:6

For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

You know that Jesus Christ Is God so that what is said of Jesus Christ is said of God.

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

God will not break His promises.

Psalms 89:34

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

God cannot even look upon sin

Habakkuk 1:12-13

Art thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou

hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction. **Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity:** wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?

This one is really good news for us! We have God's word that He will not do anything wicked, commit iniquity, or be unfair in judgement!

Job 34:10-12

Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: **far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.** For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways. **Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.**

We all know that God is a God of love.

1 John 4:8

He that loveth not knoweth not God; **for God is love.**

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

But there is a list of things that God hates!

Proverbs 6:17-19

These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

God is omnipresent. It is impossible to go to a place where God is not.

Jeremiah 23:23-24

Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? **Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him?** saith the LORD. **Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.**

God is omnipotent, He can do anything.

Jeremiah 32:17

Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and

stretched out arm, **and there is nothing too hard for thee:**

Matthew 19:26

But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but **with God all things are possible.**

God is omniscient

1 John 3:20

For if our heart condemn us, **God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.**

Psalm 147:5

Great is our Lord, and of great power: **his understanding is infinite.**

You will not be surprised to find that God is greater than man!

Job 33:12

Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, **that God is greater than man.**

He doesn't even have the same set of standards!

1 Corinthians 1:25

Because **the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.**

Isaiah 55:8-9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. **For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

God doesn't sleep. He didn't designate the Sabbath as a day of rest because He was tired!

Psalms 121:3-4

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. **Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

God is an indulgent father! He freely gives us all things for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, who intercedes for us with God the Father.

Romans 8:32-34

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that

justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

God is faithful...

1 Corinthians 1:9

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

...even when we are not.

2 Timothy 2:13

If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

God is true...

John 3:33

He that hath received his testimony hath **set to his seal that God is true**.

...and we are not.

Romans 3:4

God forbid: yea, **let God be true, but every man a liar**; as it is written, That thou mightest be

justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

God is light.

1 John 1:5

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**

Jesus Christ is the true light.

John 1:9-12

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

God wants us to understand Him and what He wants from us.

1 Corinthians 14:33

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

He wants things done orderly and decently, the opposite of confusion.

1 Corinthians 14:40

Let all things be done decently and in order.

The really good news is that just like God is eternal, we will not die. God is the God of the living!

Luke 20:36

Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

God has prepared wonderful things for believers. Our spirits alone could not see nor hear nor even imagine things so wonderful, but God has revealed them to us by His Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:9-16

But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.** But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit

of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.