

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, **2Peter 1:3**

My Favorite Book

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Store In My Heart

John 8:31-32

So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

Jesus wants us to make His Word the place where we always are focused. Live in the Word, Keep on doing the Word. We must spend much time in the Word of God if we are going to make it our life. This will make true disciples of Jesus.

Living in the Word will reveal Truth. God's Word is truth. Living in Truth will make us free. If we can get this idea in our focus it will help us in all areas of life, and in teaching others God's Will. Truth is what we are all looking to find. Jesus told the believers that being His disciples would reveal the truth and set them free.

The question for each of us - **Am I living the Word?**

(Almost 25 years ago Rebekah's second grade teacher instructed her students ask a parent to write a report about a favorite book. I have been reading since I learned "See Spot run." I have read many different genres over the years. None of what I have read can compare to my Favorite though. The reason for writing this almost 25 years ago may seem curious, yet I still find this to do a pretty good job describing my favorite book. Read on and see if you agree.)

My favorite book is actually a collection of many books contained in two major divisions. Although written by forty men who lived in diverse situations and different parts of the world over a period of about 1500 years there can be found no contradiction and one constant theme. Found within its pages are stories of history, romance, poetry, adventure, and mystery along with civil, criminal and religious laws and regulations. Of all the books that have been written this is the only one which contains all Truth. This book of books is of course The Bible which reveals the unerring Word of God Himself.

The first sentence of the Bible introduces us to the story. "*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth*" (**Genesis 1:1**) This one sentence gives us the who, what, when, and where necessary to understanding the story as it unfolds. Sometime between 6,000 and 10,000 years ago the story of the Earth and man began with this creation. From here Moses, God's history writer, tells us of the beginning of God's grand scheme for man. We read the story of Noah and the great deluge. (**Genesis 6**) This story reminds us God is in control and will hold us responsible for our actions. Continuing in Genesis we find the story of Abraham, the "*friend of God*" (**James 2:23**), and the beginning of God's special people, the Israelites. The books following Genesis tell the story of God fulfilling the promises He had made to Abraham. Abraham's descendants become a great nation and are given the land Abraham walked as a stranger. The first



section of the Bible, the Old Testament, gives us this story and tells how the people of God and the world are prepared for the fulfillment of God's plan through His third promise to Abraham.

The second section of the Bible, the New Testament, completes the story by telling of the fulfillment of God's grand scheme of redemption for man. The first four books, the Gospels, tell the good news that Jesus, the Savior, has come. The rest of the New Testament tells of the completion of God's eternal plan in the church. Through the Scriptures God calls all people to Him. God no longer reserves His blessings for Abraham's children alone. Now through Jesus, the Christ, all peoples and nations can come to God and be blessed.

Why is the Bible my favorite book? In the Bible we have everything needed for life and godliness. (**2Peter 1:3**) In the pages of God's Holy Scriptures we can find everything needed to make us "wise unto salvation" and prepare us for all good works. (**2Timothy 3:15-17**) This one book contains everything anyone needs to live here on Earth and be prepared for the life after death. I can go to the Bible and read what God expects of me and since He is The Creator and I am the creature I want to please Him. I encourage everyone to spend time with my favorite book, the Bible - The Word of God.

Have you read the Bible lately? Jesus told the Jews *"the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."* **John 12:48** Peter, when asked if he would leave Christ, stated *"Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life."* **John 6:68** Paul told Timothy *"the holy scriptures... are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."* **2Timothy 3:15** Take some time out of your day and read my favorite book. I guarantee it will help if you apply its teaching to your life.

(Reading will do nothing for us if we do not apply what we have read. Look in the Law and Do what it says! **James 1:25** Those who truly follow the Word will reap the reward. DLH)

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Bill Venable is still has some restrictions after his surgery.

Annette Gray had to quit taking some new meds that may have been causing her issues last week.

Gloria Hurst starts radiation treatments in mid January. Doctor relieved fluid from swollen arm but said all looked ok.

Paula Laubach is considering information from the neurosurgeon about her condition as she makes a decision on surgery.

Alaina Babcock is feeling much better as she recovers from covid.

David & Paula Laubach's daughter, **Deana** is back home recovering from her surgery. She is in a lot of pain.

Ruben & Brenda Keisler are out of town for a cruise this week. The **Simpson Family** is in Star City this weekend.

Sunday Evening - **Esther 4**. Wednesday - **2Peter 2**.

Dan has login information for the building wifi network.

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

