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Our life is largely determined by a series of choices. Most choices are made based on what we believe in our inner man, our heart. If we believe in our heart that God raised Jesus from the dead we will be saved (Romans 10:9). Do we truly believe the Bible to be God's written word, sent to His people for their instruction and encouragement? Or, do we pick and choose only what we think is valid, and applies to us?

Do we believe that God created the world, and everything in it—in seven days? Do we believe that God created Adam, and then created Eve? Or do we have doubts and can't seem to get past the theories of evolution, and in our hearts we believe man and woman both evolved over millenniums of time? Do we believe Jesus Christ is not just the Son of God, but He is God, the Son—deity in human form? Did the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ really pay for all of our sins, or do we still owe God something—like good behavior to keep Him happy with us? Can we lose our salvation, or are we, as believers, eternally secure, in God's hands, knowing nothing can change that?

If you put 100 Christians in a room and asked them if they were 100% certain they are saved and secure forever—I believe we would be shocked at how few could answer that with a “Yes—100% sure.” And that is just a question on salvation. The most argued books of the Bible are Genesis and Revelation. Isn't it interesting those books represent... • **The Alpha and the Omega** • **The Beginning and the End**

It is wise to begin each day with a positive attitude—a grateful heart for the blessings that our heavenly Father has bestowed upon us as His chosen and adopted children. His leadership, guidance, and merciful peace rests upon His elect.

***If you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called; and be thankful.*** Colossians 3:1-3, 12-15

Ray Stedman had a brief technique to start each day, “First, stretch, that gets the body going. Then, smile, to put the soul in the right attitude. Then, say, ‘God loves me’ to set your spirit right.”

*The Christian Life, New Testament* by Porter Barrington is an excellent small pocket/purse size version of the New Testament along with 15 outline and study notes that is a perfect handout to a new believer, or any believer that does not have a good foundation

in Biblical truth. I have passed many of them along to those who seem hungry to know God and have a curiosity of what the Bible teaches. Never forget, the words of our Bible can penetrate far deeper than our human reasoning, and the fundamental truths from God are more revealed to our hearts than teaching and logic can be. Faith and obedience are the triggers to revelation. Barrington wrote...

"The oneness or unity of the Bible is a miracle. It is a library of 66 books, written by over 35 different authors, in a period of approximately 1,500 years. Represented in the authors is a cross section of humanity, educated and uneducated, including kings, fishermen, public officials, farmers, teachers, and physicians. Included in the subjects are religion, history, law, science, poetry, drama, biography, and prophecy. Yet its various parts are as harmoniously united as the parts that make up the human body. For 35 authors, with such varied backgrounds, to write on so many subjects over a period of approximately 1,500 years in absolute harmony, is a mathematical impossibility. It could not happen! Then how do we account for the Bible? The only adequate explanation is: "Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

**For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** Hebrews 4:12

**All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.** 2 Timothy 3:16

The closer we get to the end of times, Satan, the enemy of all Christians, will increase his attacks on humanity, the nations, and especially those who openly stand firmly in their faith in the one true God, His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the comforting Holy Spirit, and the message He graciously sent us in the words of the Bible, which has carefully been empowered in the lives of all who trust it to be His guide for His people—to those with ears to hear. There is no doubt, those who God spoke to in their minds, hearts, and spirits—wrote the words as God guided them.

To those who believe the Bible to have been written by just ordinary men who happened to come up with some pretty good thoughts, some of which could have limited use... well, their god is too small. They choose to limit God to a human level, thus giving Him limited powers that require Him to be at their personal need, life-style, and occasional desires. So few in our contemporary world believe that...

**No part of the Holy Writings came long ago because of what man wanted to write. But holy men who belonged to God spoke what the Holy Spirit told them.** 2 Peter 1:21

**By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself... and given us great and precious promises, that enable you to share his**

divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, with knowledge, and self-control, with patient endurance, godliness, brotherly affection, and love for everyone. The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:3-8 Select

Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. 1 Timothy 6:11

*Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth...*

*choose you this day whom you will serve.*

*... as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*

Joshua 24:14-15 Select