

When you think about what separates us from the religious world, you probably come to the conclusion that the difference is that we are “a people of the book”.

Psa 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

We have a strong and committed belief
to the idea that God's word holds the
answers to our every need.

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God
and profitable for teaching, for reproof,
for correction, for training in
righteousness; (17) so that the man of
God may be adequate, equipped for
every good work.

The world around us would seem to have the same belief. The New Testament has been translated into 1185 languages and people are working on its translation into more than 1300 additional languages. Over 34 million copies were distributed by Bible societies in 2014 alone. Its “best selling” status has been true ever since it was written.

Over 24,500 copies of the Bible which were written before 1500 still exist. That's 3,500 times more than any other ancient document.

Over 6 billion Bibles have been printed.

What is the reason for this
popularity?

Literally, the Bible has something for
everyone.

**For the one who is thirsty, it
provides the water of life**

- Rev 22:17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.

**For the one who is hungry, it
provides sustenance –**

1Pet 2:2 like newborn babies, long
for the pure milk of the word, so that
by it you may grow in respect to
salvation,

**For the one who is looking for his
way, it provides light –**

**Ps 119:105 Your word is a lamp to
my feet And a light to my path.**

**For the one who is confused, it
provides direction –**

**Ps 119:24 Your testimonies also are
my delight; They are my counselors.**

**For the one who is downcast, it
provides comfort –**

**Ps 119:54 Your statutes are my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage. 55 O
Lord, I remember Your name in the
night, And keep Your law.**

**To one who is in danger, it provides
safety –**

Eph 6: 17 And take the helmet of
salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the word of God.

**For one who is frightened, God's
word is a hiding place –**

**Ps 119: 114 Thou art my hiding
place and my shield; I wait for Thy
word.**

**For the one who is poor, God's word
is gold –**

Ps 19:8 The precepts of the Lord ...
10 They are more desirable than
gold, yes, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the
drippings of the honeycomb.

**For the one who would work, God's
word is a tool –**

Jer 23:29 "Is not My word like fire?"
declares the Lord, "and like a
hammer which shatters a rock?"

**For the one who would plant, God's
word is a seed –**

**Lk 8:11 "Now the parable is this: the
seed is the word of God.**

For one who is lost, God's word is a map

Jer 10:23 I know, O Lord, that a man's way is not in himself; Nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps.

1Pet 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

**For one who cannot see himself clearly,
God's word is a mirror**

Ja 1:23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; 24 for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. 25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does.

**For one who is lonely, God's word is
a companion**

Ps 119:92 If Thy law had not been
my delight, Then I would have
perished in my affliction.

**For one who is discouraged, God's
word provides strength**

**Rom 15:4 For whatever was written
in earlier times was written for our
instruction, that through
perseverance and the
encouragement of the Scriptures we
might have hope.**

The three greatest questions that trouble man are answered in the Bible.

How did I get here?

Gen 1:27 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

It was not by random chance but by intelligent design!

The question of “how we got here” is not without evidence

Ps 19: The heavens are telling of the glory of God;
And their expanse is declaring the work of His
hands. 2 Day to day pours forth speech, And night
to night reveals knowledge.

Rom 1:20 For since the creation of the world His
invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine
nature, have been clearly seen, being understood
through what has been made, so that they are
without excuse.

The second great question – Why am I here?

Isa 43:20 ... to give drink to my chosen people, 21 "The people whom I formed for Myself, Will declare My praise.

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

**We are here to magnify the source of all
truth in all realms.**

Job 2:3 And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to ruin him without cause."

Where am I going?

1Pet 3:3 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with [their] mocking, following after their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For [ever] since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." 5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God [the] heavens existed long ago and [the] earth was formed out of water and by water, 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.

7 But the present heavens and earth by His word are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. 8 But do not let this one [fact] escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. 11

Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, on account of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! 13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

Whatever there is that is good, you can find
in the word of God.

If you aren't look for good, you're in the
wrong place this morning – surrounded by
people who want what's best for your – to
follow God.

Act 22:16 And now what are you waiting for?
Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away,
calling on his name.'