

# Necessity of Scripture

Definition of necessity: What do we mean when we say that something is a necessity?

## 1. THE BIBLE IS NECESSARY FOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOSPEL

Romans 10:13-17 - for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."  
14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? ...  
17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

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Other scripture references: John 14:6, Act 4:12,1 Timothy 2:5-6

**Objection #1** - Isn't this putting God in a box? What about stories we hear about people seeing visions & coming to faith?

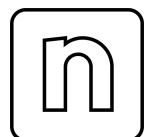
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**Objection #2** - What about people who died before Jesus came?

Hebrews 11:13 - referring to OT believers (Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah)  
13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

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Other scripture references: Hebrew 11:26, John 8:56

**Implications:**

- Because the bible is necessary for knowledge of the gospel, we teach and preach from the bible, not from our own wisdom.
- Because the bible is necessary for knowledge of the gospel, we support missions.

**2. THE BIBLE IS NECESSARY FOR MAINTAINING SPIRITUAL LIFE**

Matthew 4:4 (quoting Deuteronomy 8:3) - Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Deuteronomy 32:47- They are not just idle words for you—they are your life. By them you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess."

We need to be in God's word regularly so that we:

- Revere God and remain humble - Deuteronomy 17:18-20
  
- See our own sin, and are corrected, rebuked and trained in righteousness - Psalm 19:11-13, 2 Timothy 3:14-17
  
- Develop stability - Psalm 1:1-4



**Objection #1** - I know the general message of the bible. I don't need to read it regularly.

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**Objection #2** - The Bible is an ancient book & so confusing! It's much easier to read books written by authors explaining the bible.

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**Implications:**

- Because the bible is necessary for maintaining spiritual life, your job as community group leaders is so important! You are encouraging people to be in God's word, helping them to "taste & see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34).
- Because the bible is necessary for maintaining spiritual life, as you teach the word, you are doing the work of an "evangelist" (2 Timothy 4:1-5); helping people persevere to the end through correction and encouragement.

**3. THE BIBLE IS NECESSARY FOR CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WILL**

Deuteronomy 29:29 - The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

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We can always know, with certainty, God's big plan:

Ephesians 1:8b-10 - With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment - to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

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We can always know, with certainty, God's revealed will (how He wants us to live in this world):

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 - It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, 5 not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God...

Other scripture references: 1 John 5:1-3, Colossians 3:12-14

