

Powerful Pages: Why the Bible Matters

2 Timothy 1:13-14 “What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.”

The word of God is valuable for

Power Verse

2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

What You Gotta Know

God-breathed Scripture shows what’s true,
Corrects our ways and trains us too.

Grinch Interruption crashing in the drum booth

The enemy wants our focus to be on everything else but the main thing.

Grinch Interruption starts beating on drums in the booth

YPJ requests that the drum light be turned on. Grinch is surprised and starts hitting more of the drums. YPJ asks him what he's doing?? The Grinch throws drumsticks and runs out of the room. YPJ acknowledges the distraction. YPJ will announce UnGrinch your Xmas. We will be talking about.....The Grinch puts his head in the side door on the stage....comes on stage. YPJ continues with the announcement. Grinch runs across the stage to the stairs, but on the way throws papers in the air, then continues to run up the stairs out the side door.

Repeat kids' church theme, and let's hope we can show him the true joy of Christmas

The enemy wants to keep us from believing, valuing, and living by the word of God

Am I being taught not just by my pastors but by God's word regularly in community?

Does God's word rebuke me?

We should feel convicted when sin is confronted by the word, the pattern of God's word shows us that we frequently need a rebuke for our rebellion and a correction when we stray from His plan

Is His word training me to be righteous?

Am I equipped for God's call?

Sing The Bible song

What is the bible

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bKZoWiY5crs>

Who decided the books of the bible

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGqsyKO9EwU>

Overarching stories of scripture song and motions

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjrASOqVMEM&list=RDNjrASOqVMEM&start_radio=1

1. All Scripture is God Breathed.

2 Timothy 3

3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

Matthew records in 4:4 where Jesus reminds us when He is tested in the wilderness, quoting Deuteronomy 8:3 that man will not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from God's mouth

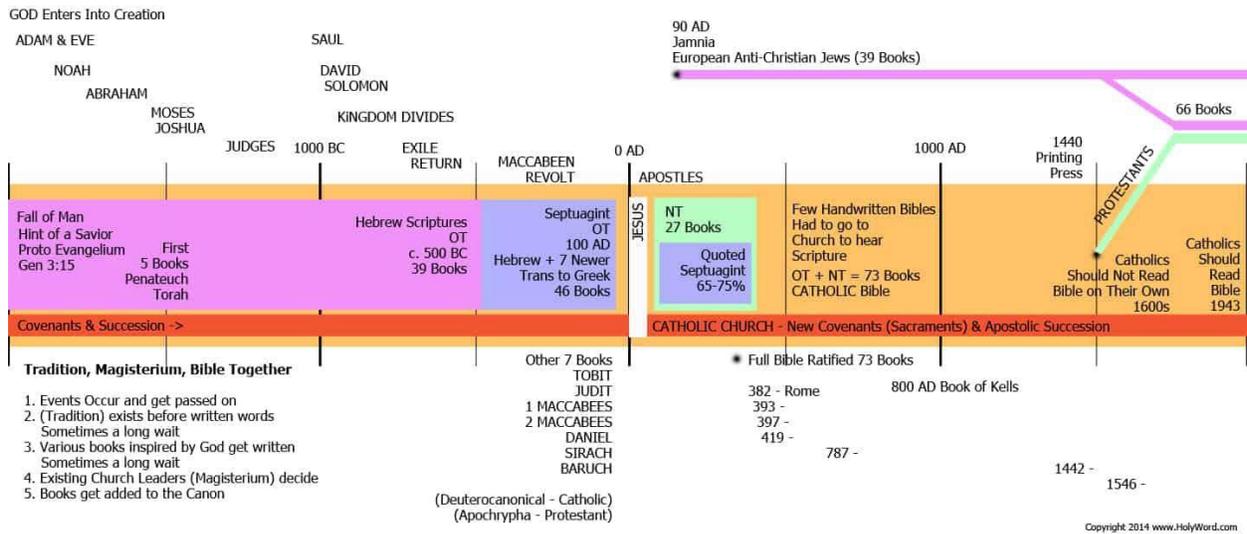
John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

Where did the bible come from? Eyewitnesses to family members
Original family members live for centuries

Moses was tasked with recording the law, and then the text was recorded and copied on parchment scrolls

By the time of Jesus, these scrolls had been translated into a Greek library of scrolls called the Septuagint

MAKING OF THE BIBLE - TIMELINE



Oral stories passed down from the original

The Bible was compiled over centuries through a process of gathering, copying, and [canonization](#) of various religious texts. The Old Testament was compiled from Jewish scriptures like the [Torah](#) and [Tanakh](#), with its canon largely settled by the 3rd century AD. The New Testament was compiled from early Christian writings, including the Gospels and letters from apostles, a process that involved councils solidifying the list of accepted books, such as the Council of Hippo in 393 AD and the Council of Carthage in 397 AD.

Old Testament

- Jewish scriptures: The Old Testament's foundation is the Hebrew Bible, or Tanakh, which was written over many centuries and organized into three collections: the Torah (the first five books), the Nevi'im (prophets), and the Ketuvim (writings).
- Septuagint: Early Christians used the Septuagint, a Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible, as the basis for their Old Testament.
- Canonization: The list of books in the Hebrew Bible was gradually narrowed down by communities to form the authoritative canon. By AD 250, there was near universal agreement on the Old Testament canon.

New Testament

- Apostolic writings: The New Testament consists of writings from the early Christian church, including the Gospels (accounts of Jesus's life), letters (epistles) from apostles like Paul, and other texts.
- Apostolic authority: The early church recognized these writings as inspired and authoritative, often using criteria like apostolicity (written by an apostle or their associate) and alignment with existing apostolic teachings.
- Canonization: The process of determining the final list of New Testament books was gradual. The [Muratorian Canon](#), compiled around AD 170, is the first known list.
- Church councils: Regional councils helped to finalize the canon. For example, the Council of Hippo in AD 393
- (this was the time where Christianity became legal and the church fathers could all come together)
- and the Council of Carthage in AD 397 affirmed the same 27 New Testament books as authoritative.

Transmission and codification

- Scribes: Texts were copied and transmitted by scribes over centuries.
- Manuscripts: The reliability of the texts was ensured through the transmission of thousands of manuscript copies.
- Bound books: Originally on scrolls, the books were later bound into [codices](#) (books), which made them easier to handle and use.

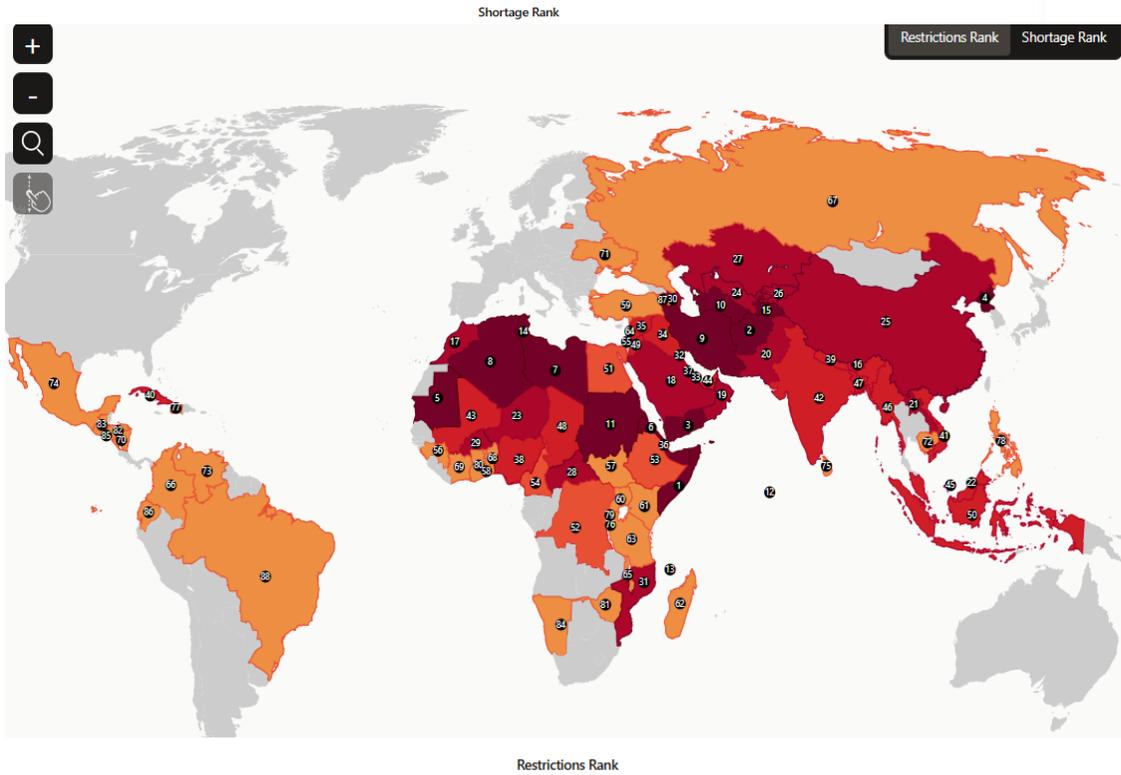
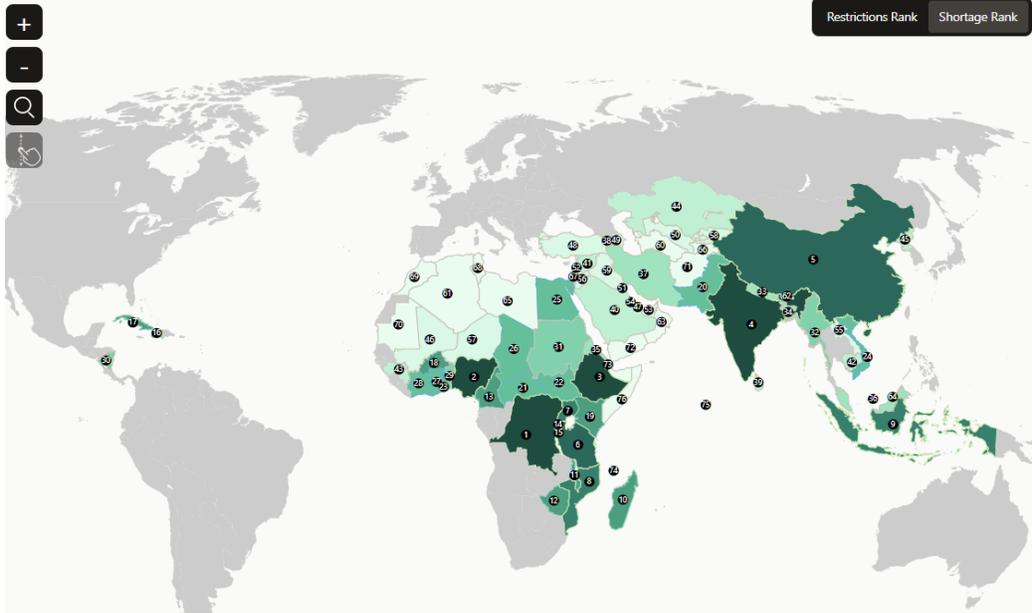
2. I Will Value His Word

Fire Bible project

The Akha are an ethnic group who live in small villages at higher elevations in the mountains of Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam, and the Yunnan Province in Northern Asia. There has been a great revival among the Akha people living in Thailand, and they are active in missionary efforts to reach the Akha people living in the other 4 nations. Ten years ago, an Akha pastor in Thailand developed a new written system that was adopted by the global Akha community. The Akha FireBible will use this new written system to reach the Akha people. We are currently in the fundraising stage of developing this much needed resource for the Akha believers.

Bible league map about Christians without access to the bible, both restricted and bible shortage

Pray with us as we work to bring the FireBible to the Akha people!



3. I Will Build the Foundation of My Life On Obedience To His Word.

Matthew 7:24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Wiseman built his house on the rock song

The wise man built his house upon the Rock,
The wise man built his house upon the Rock,
The wise man built his house upon the Rock,
And the rains came tumbling down.

The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
But the house on the Rock stood firm.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
And the rains came tumbling down.

The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
And the house on the sand fell flat.

So build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ,
So build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ,
So build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ,
And the blessings will come down.

The blessings come down as your prayers go up,
The blessings come down as your prayers go up,
The blessings come down as your prayers go up,
So build your life on the Lord.

Psalm 119 is a poem about living according to God's word

9 How can a young person stay on the path of purity?

By living according to your word.

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I seek you with all my heart;

do not let me stray from your commands.

11

I have hidden your word in my heart

that I might not sin against you.

105

Your word is a lamp for my feet,

a light on my path.

106

I have taken an oath and confirmed it,

that I will follow your righteous laws.

Bop it game

GLENDALE, AZ (May 15, 2025) — A new national study shows that most Americans no longer believe in absolute moral truth, and instead rely on feelings and cultural norms to make moral decisions.

This shift in belief has resulted in most Americans holding “contradictory and unbiblical views about moral truth,” according to the latest report from the American Worldview Inventory 2025, an annual survey from the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University.

The report from veteran researcher Dr. George Barna found that 74% of adults trust feelings over facts to discern moral truth, two-thirds reject absolute moral truth, and nine out of 10 embrace Syncretism—a blending of competing worldviews.

Even substantial majorities of some of the largest Christian church groups reject absolute morality, signaling a deep cultural shift away from biblical principles. For

example, 69% of Catholics and 61% of those who attend a mainline Protestant church reject the idea of absolute moral truth.

Beyond that, the study found that half of theologically-identified born-again Christians—adults considered spiritually conservative and a cornerstone of evangelical Christianity—admit to rejecting absolute moral truth.

Any objective social analyst would conclude that the United States faces its fair share of moral and spiritual problems. A new research study from Barna Group suggests that a large share of the nation's moral and spiritual challenges is directly attributable to the absence of a biblical worldview among Americans. Citing the findings from a just-completed national survey of 2033 adults that showed only 4% of adults have a biblical worldview as the basis of their decision-making, researcher George Barna described the outcome. "If Jesus Christ came to this planet as a model of how we ought to live, then our goal should be to act like Jesus. Sadly, few people consistently demonstrate the love, obedience and priorities of Jesus. The primary reason that people do not act like Jesus is because they do not think like Jesus. Behavior stems from what we think – our attitudes, beliefs, values and opinions. Although most people own a Bible and know some of its content, our research found that most Americans have little idea how to integrate core biblical principles to form a unified and meaningful response to the challenges and opportunities of life. We're often more concerned with survival amidst chaos than with experiencing truth and significance."

This is what a disciple of Jesus does and has been doing for thousands of years

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

What is the main teaching of the bible?

Heart, divide, cross, question?