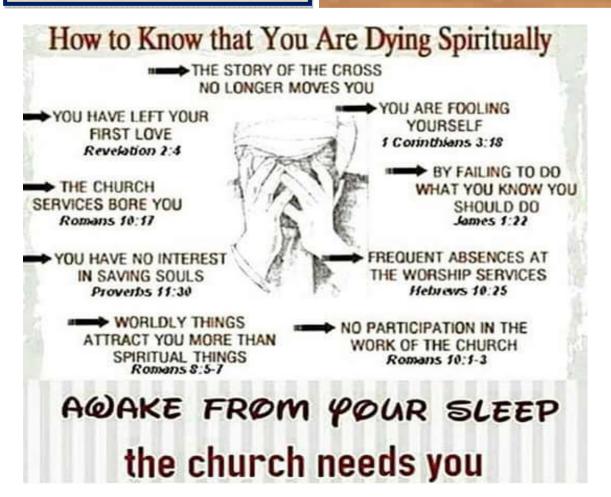
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Times of Services:

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Welcome
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The Infallibility Of The Bible

Ron Boatwright

There have been many attacks on the Bible down through the ages because the Bible condemns too much of what men love to do. Without the Bible one can do virtually anything he wants to do. Man wants to live as he pleases without being accountable to God. Many want to live as though there is no God. Psalms 14:1 says, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'".

With many people, materialism and humanism have replaced God resulting in unbelief in the Bible. Today unbelief in the Bible is often seen as a badge of courage to be displayed openly and worn proudly. Satan plants seeds of doubt in the minds of people, which result in unbelief. Unbelief is a contagious disease, which causes one to depart from God. Hebrews 3:12 says, "Lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God". Unbelief will cause countless souls to be lost in eternity.

The Bible tells us from where all things came, why we are here, how we are to live while here, and where we are going. The Bible is the word of God, which is verbally inspired, infallible, inerrant, all sufficient, and authoritative. The Bible is "Not in words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches" (1 Corinthians 2:13). In the

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Bible, God has told us everything we need so we can please Him and go to Heaven. 2 Peter 1:3 says, "His divine power has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness."

Each of us will make the choice to either accept the Bible as our authority in religion or reject it. But we will bear the consequences of our choice. God's word is the authority or standard by which all people will be judged on Judgment Day. Jesus says in John 12:48, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him, the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day." People may ignore God's word now, but on Judgment Day they will not be able to ignore it. Happy will be the person who has shown his love for the truth of God's word and obeyed it. Because the Bible is the pure and inspired word of God it "is able to save your souls" (James 1:21). But woe be to those who have set it aside.

We must not neglect to follow God's authoritative word if we want to go to Heaven. Hebrews 2:3 says, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation, which at first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him." There is no escape if one neglects to believe and obey God's authoritative and infallible word.

"With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word. Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word. Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Psalm 119:13-18).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ➤ Jan 10 Preach & Eat 1:30 Worship
- ➤ Jan 31 Evening Song Service
- ➤ Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell
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The Influence of Only One

Flavil Nichols

During the War Between the States, a young woman learned the truth and obeyed the gospel. Her sweetheart, J. H. Halbrook, was a Confederate soldier. He was captured by the Union Army and kept a prisoner in Michigan until the war was over. He was given a ticket to Nashville and \$2.50, and from there he returned to Centerville and found what was left of his home and family. He was reunited with his girlfriend and they were married.

Mr. Halbrook's new wife studied the Bible with him, and he soon became a Christian. He thought the truth was so good and so simple that he began to teach and baptize many of his friends and neighbors. Then he began to preach, but he recognized his need for more training, so he enrolled in Mars Hill Bible School and was taught and trained by T. B. Larimore.

Upon completing his studies at Mars Hill, Mr. Halbrook and his wife chose to move farther south rather than going back to Tennessee, and they went into Walker, Marion, Fayette, and Lamar counties in Alabama. Of his many converts were Charley Alexander Wheeler and his wife. Mr. Wheeler, after obeying the gospel, soon began preaching to others. He started more than 100 congregations, and he baptized more than 6,000 people.

But wait – the story does not end here! One of those 6,000 baptisms was my father, the late Gus Nichols, and under my father's preaching, 12,000 people were baptized!

And how many of those 12,000 began to preach "the glorious gospel of Christ"? No one can know the exact number, but I personally know several who did. I am one whom he baptized and whom he encouraged to preach the gospel. And under my preaching, about 3,000 have been baptized. Among that number a few have gone on to preach the gospel.

Only eternity will reveal the total results of the conversion of that one girl during the War Between the States, nearly 150 years ago. But at least 21,000 people have already become Christians through this single thread in the fabric of her influence.

"Go, and do thou likewise" (Luke 10:37), for you are important too! Dear reader, if you go to heaven, others probably will be saved because of you! "For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?" (1 Corinthians 7:16).

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Even only one can be very influential.