

I should obey? A sin I should forsake? What is the Lord saying to me? Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through the pages of your Bible.

QUESTIONS

Now that you are a Christian, are you reading the Bible every day? Are you obeying the teachings of Jesus Christ? Are you learning some of the verses by memory? You can grow into a fine, mature Christian by studying God's Word and practicing its teaching.

NOW THAT I'M A CHRISTIAN

I Should

Read the
Bible

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Now that I'm a Christian, I should read the Bible every day. The Bible offers food for my hungry soul. Because God speaks to me through the Bible, I can learn to know Him and His purpose for my life through reading His Word.

THE BIBLE IS WRITTEN BY GOD

The apostle Paul wrote: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God" (2 Timothy 3:16). God used many different men to write the Bible. They were tools in His hands, but He was the fountain, the source of their thought and writing. God told the prophets what to say, but they wrote it in their own language and used words with which they were familiar. Peter said: "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21).

THE BIBLE IS TRUE

All the Bible is true and is in reality the Word of God. We believe every word of the Bible because:

1. God the Father can be trusted. He is the Author, and His Word is truth. In fact, Jesus said: "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17). The Word of God is eternal, for Jesus said: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

2. Prophecy has been fulfilled. Students of the Bible say that over 300 prophecies about Christ in the Old Testament have already come to pass.

3. Miracles show us the Bible is true. We not only can read about miracles that happened in Bible

times, but God continues to repeat such supernatural answers to prayer in our day.

4. History proves the Bible is accurate. The more men learn of ancient history the more they discover the veracity of the Bible.

5. Our Christian experiences continually prove the Bible is true. A man once asked a woman how she could prove the Bible is the Word of God. The Christian woman replied, "How can you prove there is a sun in the sky?" He answered, "Because I can feel its heat and see its light." "It is the same with me," she said. "I know the Bible is true because it warms my soul and gives light to my pathway."

THE BIBLE MUST BE STUDIED

The Bible can be understood by anyone who will make a little effort; and it is more than worth the effort. New Christians usually get the most help by first reading New Testament books, particularly Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, James, 1 Peter, and 1 John.

Read your Bible prayerfully, asking the Lord to open your understanding. Some new Christians find it easier to understand a modern English translation of the Bible. Whether you choose the King James Version or another translation, reading the Word of God will serve to establish your faith and will produce Christian maturity.

THE BIBLE CAN GUIDE YOU

As you read the Bible, seek to take its message to heart. Ask yourself such questions as: Is there a principle here that applies to my life? Is there a command