

It has been said by many in the past, "The Bible will keep one from sin, and sin will keep one from the Bible!" This I believe with all my heart.

The Bible is spoken of to be the Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17). Therefore, one desiring to be a disciple of the Lord should spend time in its study in order to be prepared to share it with others and to correct false teachings (II Tim. 2:15; 3:16).

There are 39 books in the Old Testament, and 27 books in the New. The Bible is composed of writings from about 40 men, writing over a period of some 1600 years; from 1500 B.C. to 100 A.D. It was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic primarily.

The shortest chapter in the Bible is also the middle chapter, Psalm 117. The middle verse is Psalms 118:6; the middle book in the Old Testament is Proverbs; and the middle verse in the Old Testament is II Chron. 20:13. The shortest verse in the Old Testament is I Chron. 1:25; and the longest is Esther 8:9.

In the New Testament, the middle book is II Thess.; the middle chapter is between Rom. 13 and 14; the middle verse is Acts 17:17; the shortest verse is John 11:35 in English, but is I Thess. 5:16 in Greek. The longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9. The longest word in the Bible is in Isa. 8:1; and all the letters in the alphabet are found in Ezra 7:21, except the letters "j", and "q".

The Bible holds the distinction of being the first book printed with movable type, in 1450 A.D. The first Bible printed in America was in the Indian language, by John Eliot. The King James Version was published in 1611. The American Standard Version was published in 1901, and the New International Version was completed in 1978. The Bible was divided into chapters by Cardinal Hugo in 1250. The New Testament was divided into verses by Sir Robert Stephens in 1551. The entire Bible was divided into chapters and verses in the "Geneva Bible", translated in 1560.

The Red Letter Edition Bible was a product of Louis Klopsch. He printed the Red Letter Edition in 1901. He based it from Luke 22:20, "This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you". He reasoned that all blood is red, thus Christ's words should be in red, as a constant reminder to the reader.

The Bible has been translated into a multitude of languages and dialects. It is the only book that gives a definitive answer to the question of man's origin, mission and destiny. Above all else, the Bible is a textbook on salvation, and should be seriously examined and studied, then carefully accepted and obeyed, and lastly, it should be religiously taught unto all men. It is to that end that this material has been gathered for your interest and edification. After looking over the above facts, would you accept the challenge to read the Bible on a regular basis?

The important thing in our lives should be - accepting Jesus Christ as the supreme sacrifice for mankind and being "Born Again". Trusting Jesus as our Savior & making Him our Lord is very important! The Book of Acts tells us to: 1) Believe in Jesus as Savior 16:31 2) Repent of our sins 17:30 3) Confess Christ audibly 8:37 4) Be baptized in water 2:38 5) Live a faithful Christian life 14:22 6) Become a part of a local congregation who believes, teaches, and lives the Bible 2:47

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