

THE CHURCH OF PENTECOST – AUSTRIA

2018 NATIONAL BIBLE AWARENESS WEEK

TOPIC: THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE

INTRODUCTION: The Bible, which is the word of God, has been in existence for past decades. Many books have come and gone, others still existing but have no influence on humankind. The Bible has influenced the world and changed lives for many years and it's still the same today.

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I: WHO IS THE AUTHOR OF THE BIBLE? - 2 TIMOTHY 3: 16-17(All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work).

- a) If all Scripture is God-breathed, then the author of the Bible is God himself.
- b) God inspired different kinds of people to write the Bible. (People from Shepherds, Fishermen, Tax collectors, doctors, Priests, Tent makers and etc.)
- c) The Bible is infallible, that is, absolutely trustworthy or sure because it contains the word of God.(2 Peter 1:20-21)

II: WHY IS THE BIBLE SO IMPORTANT?

- a) It is important because it is the word of God for all humankind.
- b) It is important because those who seek it will find salvation and those who reject it will be doomed forever. (John 3: 18)
- c) It's important because it gives us light to walk in this dark world without falling away from the faith and into the hands of the devil. The Bible says in Psalm 119:105 NIV, "Your word is a lamp for my feet,a light on my path."
- d) Anyone who cherish the Bible and obeys its instructions will never stumble in faith.
- e) The Bible is very important because it's our road map (Navigator) to Heaven. Without it many people will be ignorant about the celestial city.

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III: WHEN DOES THE BIBLE BECOME IMPORTANT TO MAN?

- a) The Bible becomes important to us when we read it. Therefore, having a Bible without reading it may have no effect on our lives.
- b) Whenever a person hears or read a portion from the bible, humbles his or her heart to what it says and finally obeys it, the bible becomes important to that person because it changes him positively from that time.
- c) The Bible becomes important to us whenever we read and apply it.
- d) When we fully obey the word of the Lord (The Bible), God blesses our lives. Therefore, the bible becomes important to us.(Deuteronomy 28:1-2)

IV: WHAT HAS THE BIBLE DONE FOR US?

- a) The Bible has given us knowledge about the existence of God and his plan of salvation to humankind.
- b) The Bible has opened our eyes to see the importance of accepting Jesus as Lord and saviour. To us who have accepted him, we have received eternal life. **John 3:16**
- c) Through the Bible we have come to realize some of the following truths:

➤ Read **Ephesians 2: 11-18**

1. God has redeemed us from the dominion of Satan to the Kingdom of God.
2. We were People without God but now we are the children of God.
3. We were Strangers from the covenant of promise. But now a chosen people of God and a royal priesthood because we have received mercy. **(1 Peter 1:9-10)**
4. We had no hope and without God but now we have the hope of going to Heaven.
5. Now in Jesus Christ we are near to God by the blood of Christ.
6. We couldn't have received mercy, Grace and Love from the father, had the Bible not open our eyes, to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

SUMMARY

1. The Bible is very important to all humankind for through it salvation will be receive.
2. Every Christian must obtain a Bible or Bibles because it is a blessing to have them.
3. We should always take the bible as God himself directly speaking and advising us.
4. We should read our bible everyday and pray over it. After that, the Holy Spirit will speak to our hearts.
5. Whoever cherish the Bible and walk according to its counsel will reap the Blessings of God.

Amen.

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