THE FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALTOONA STILL BELIEVES THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED, INFALLIBLE, INERRANT WORD OF GOD AS PRESENTED IN THE KJV OF SCRIPTURE ISAIAH 40:1-8

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INTRO: In the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, there is what is called THE LIBRARY OF THE LOUVRE. In this library is an alcove containing miles of shelves, all crammed with books on various subjects which have become obsolete within TWO HUNDRED YEARS of their printing. That section was once voted as GRAVEYARD OF IDEAS AND THEORIES. For years, students have consulted the contents of those thousands if volumes mainly to amuse themselves with a review of THE HISTORY OF HUMAN ERROR. Every year there are textbooks printed around the world, particularly in science and technology that are often our of date BEFORE students get to read them because of continual research and development. In time, if the Lord tarries, many of the credible books we use today which teach various ideas of philosophy and technology will be outdated and something more modern and relative will be produced. BUT ONE BOOK THAT HAS STOOD THE TEST OF TIME, AND IS AS PRACTICAL AND RELATIVE TODAY AS IT WAS THE VERY MOMENT IT WAS COMPLETED IS THE BIBLE, THE WORD OF GOD! The Bible is not dated and will never be obsolete because it was written by GOD, HIMSELF and is designed to be both PERSONAL AND PRACTICAL for every generation of mankind. Even though many have attempted to destroy the Bible, it still exists and is used by millions each and every day as a guide book for living. One thing that FBC stands upon very firmly and without apology is that THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED, INFALLIBLE, INERRANT WORD OF GOD AS PRESENTED IN THE KJV OF SCRIPTURE. Today we will study this subject with the intent of strengthening our faith through a greater commitment to the EVERLASTING WORD OF GOD!

of the BIBLE, we are talking about THE WONDERFUL WORD OF GOD!

I. THE AUTHOR OF THE BIBLE

A. From the Divine Perspective

-GOD AND ONLY GOD! ISAIAH 55:11; 2 PETER 1:20,21

B. From the Human Perspective

-God used over 40 human authors in a period of more than 1500 years to record His Word and it was done without error of contradiction! ILLUSTRATION:

II. THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE

THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE IS ROOTED IN THE FACT THAT IT COMES DIRECTLY FROM GOD AND IS TRUE, ACCURATE AND WITHOUT ANY ERROR!

- A. The Bible is Inspired
 - 1. The word "Inspired" means "GOD BREATHED." 2 Timothy 3:16,17
- 2. The concept of Inspiration is that THE HOLY SPIRIT SO GUIDED AND SUPERINTENDED THE WRITERS OF SCRIPTURE, MAKING USE OF THEIR OWN UNIQUE PERSONALITIES, THAT THEY WROTE ALL THAT GOD WANTED TO BE RECORDED.
 - 3. There are two words used to describe how accurate the Bible is.
 - a. Verbal Means "each word."
 - b. Plenary Means "completely inspired."

THE POINT OF THESE TWO WORDS IS THAT EVERY WORD IN THE BIBLE IS COMPLETELY INSPIRED AND THEREFORE EACH WORD IS AS IMPORANT AS THE OTHER. COMPARE:

- a. 1 Chronicles 26:18
- b. John 3:16

BOTH VERSES ARE COMPLETELY INSPIRED BY GOD!

- B. The Bible is Infallible- It is TOTALLY TRUSTWORTHY!
- C. The Bible is Inerrant It is TRUTHFUL IN ALL THAT IT AFFIRMS IN HISTORY, SCIENCE, MORALITY AND DOCTRINE.

NOTE: The example of the serpent eating "dust." Genesis 3:14 "By means of Dust" serpents eat!

ILLUSTRATION:

III. THE AIM OF THE BIBLE

- 2 Timothy 3:16,17
- A. To Reveal
 - 1. Who God Is Isaiah 40:5,10-23, 28; 42:5-8; 43:10-12; 45:20-23.
 - 2. What God Expects Deuteronomy 10:12; Micah 6:8
 - 3. How God Operates Romans 2:2; Jude 15; Ephesians 2:8,9
- B. To Reprove Convict of sin for the believer and unbeliever.
- C. To Restore Correct error and sit up straight after falling.
- D. To Relay Relay teaching from God for godly living.
- E. To Ready To equip for Christian life, service and ministry ILLUSTRATION:

IV. THE APPLICATION OF THE BIBLE

THE BIBLE IS RELATIVE TO EVERY ERA AND AGE GROUP!

- A. It is Relative to EVERY person 2 Timothy 3:14,15
- B. It is Relative top EVERY situation Psalm 119:105
- C. It is Relative to EVERY era of time 1 Peter 1:22-25

ILLUSTRATION:

LESSON: ONE IS LOST WITHOUT THE BIBLE! READ IT, MARK, IT, STUDY IT, MEMORIZE IT, SHARE IT, AND LIFE IT!