

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was with God in the beginning.

3Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

6There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. 7He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. 8He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

10He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15John testified concerning him: "I have seen his glory, the glory as of one who comes after me, who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me." 16From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. 17For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who remains at the Father's side, has made himself known.

19Now this was John's testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him, "You did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, 'I am not the Christ.'"

20He replied to them, "I am not the Messiah. Are you Elijah?"

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered,

22"Finally he said, 'Why then do you ask me? For I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness.'"

23John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, preparing the way."

24Now some Pharisees who had been sent questioned him, "Why then do you baptize with water if you are not the Christ, Elijah, or the Prophet?"

Bible Study



MOTIVATION: Why Study?

NAVIGATION: Practical Ways to Study

APPLICATION: Living What We Learn



- Questions about why we believe
- Questions about how to have a Godly family
- Questions about the Church



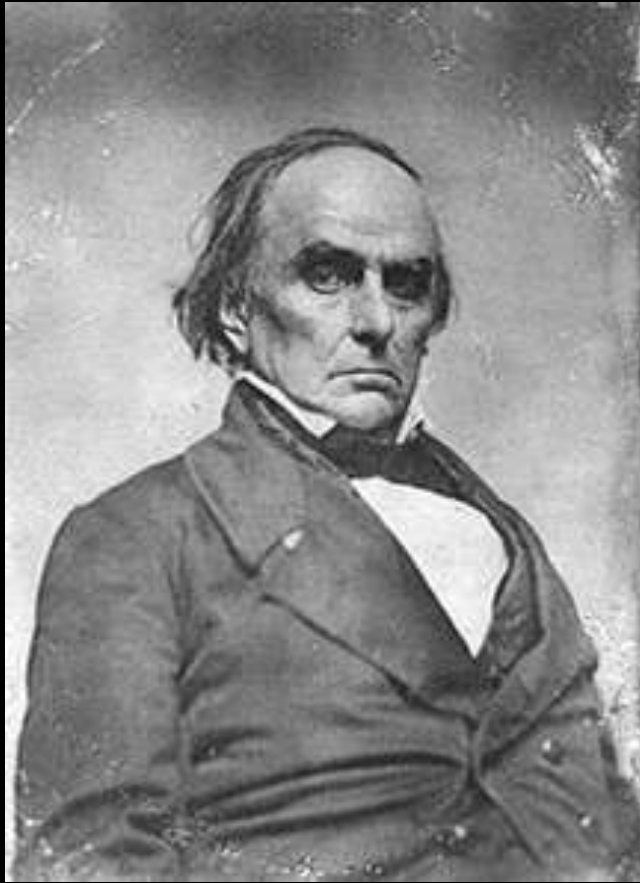
Charles Spurgeon ...

“He is wisest who reads both the World Book and the Word Book as two volumes of the same work, and feels concerning them, ‘My Father wrote them both.’”



- **There is a WORLD BOOK to LOOK AT, and a WORD BOOK to read SPECIFIC COMMUNICATION**

Daniel Webster ...



- "If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country, I do not know what is going to become of us as a nation. If truth be not diffused, error will be; If God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy, If the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will; If the power of the Gospel is not felt throughout the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness will reign without mitigation or end."

The Bible Builds Character

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**Our relationships suffer
without God's guidance.**



- Of every 12 marriages, 4 fail
- 6 stay together but are not “happy”
- only 2 are a “complete” marriage.
- Tonight, 49% of America's children will go to bed in homes without a father living there.

*– Life without
Biblical principles
leads to broken
relationships.*



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**“The more I Learn About God, the
more I love Him...**

**And the more I Love Him, the
more I want to learn about Him.**



Matthew 22:23-33



1. Bible Study as a “Study of Facts and Doctrine.”

Theology – “The study of divinity” –

- Θεός - *Theós* (“God”, divinity);
- λόγος - *lógos* (study, discourse, or science).
- Thus “theos – logos”, or, “theology”, the study of God.

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2. Bible Study as “Stance” or Convictions

- A convictional stance about God.
- It has to do with the convictions and the life-stance of the person.
- Not just thinking about God, but thinking also of a way of living in a way pleasing to God.

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John Frame:

**“Theology is the application
of Scripture to life.”**



A close-up photograph of an antique book cover. The cover is made of dark brown leather with intricate gold-tooled patterns, including a large, ornate floral or scrollwork design. The book is bound with visible stitching along the edges. A brass clasp is visible in the lower right corner. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a grassy area.

1. I Need to Be Teachable.





2. I Need to Love God With My Mind.



**"You shall love the Lord your God
with
all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind. (38) This is**

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3. I Need to Allow My Heart to Be Transformed

- **2 Tim.3:16-17** “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be complete, throughly furnished unto all good works.”

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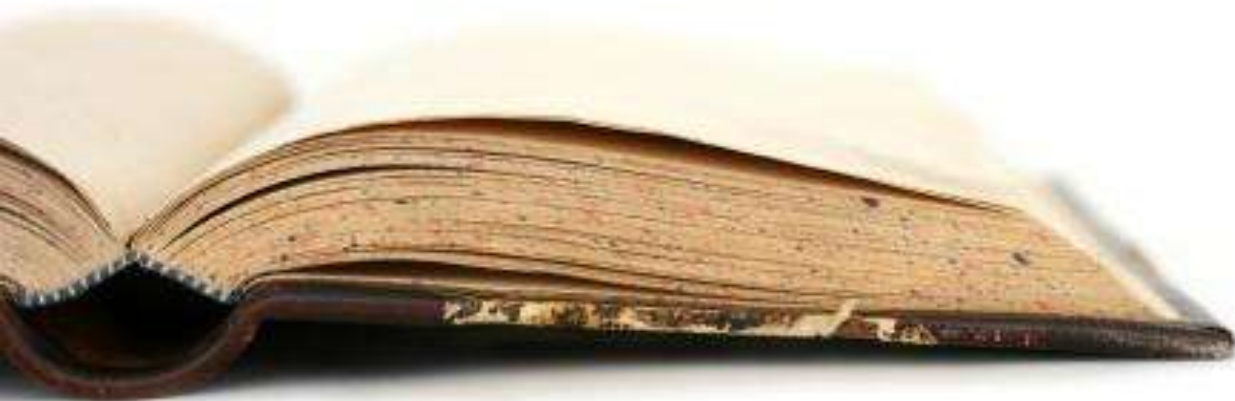


**“Lord, give me the wisdom
from your Word to know
what’s right, and the courage to
do what’s right.”**



(1 Peter 3:21)

“Baptism now saves you ~ not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a clean conscience.”



“Christian baptism involves being plunged into water in the name of God. The point is that the story which baptism tells is God’s own story, from creation and covenant to new covenant, with Jesus in the middle of it and the Spirit brooding over it. In baptism, you are brought into that story, to be an actor in the play which God is writing and producing. And once you’re onstage, you’re part of the action. ... Through the water you become part of God’s purpose for the world.” - N.T. Wright



**We invite you
to enter into
God's story.**