

YOU ASKED FOR IT

The Reliability of the Bible: Matthew 7:24-27 ESV

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If you're a Christ follower...you believe the Bible actually has authority in your life.

I. Is the Bible Good History or Bad?

Many times secular historians have disputed the Bible and claimed it was inaccurate compared with their sense of history...and upon further research the biblical account proved to be the more accurate of the two accounts.

"It may be categorically stated that NO archeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference, not even once."
Nelson Glueck

II. Does the Bible Contain Good Science or Bad?

The Bible was not written as a science book. It is about God's relationship with human beings.

Scientists and Bible scholars have recently begun to build some bridges of understanding.

1. Many scientists agree with the Bible on the need for an outside source to explain the origin of the universe.
2. Another point of agreement between Bible scholars and scientists is that no new matter is being created.

Genesis 2:1-2

3. Many scientists are supporting the Bible's claim that living creatures will only reproduce after their own kind.

Not a single scientific discovery has ever controverted an important biblical fact.

III. Is the Bible Filled with Good Psychology or Bad?

Psalms 19:7-11; Matthew 7:24-27

Jesus says, "If you build your life and values on My teachings...you'll never regret it."

Take Home Steps...Read with Prayer and a Pen:

- Pray: Lord, teach me something today.
 - Pen: Underline any verse that hits you and tweet it, instagram it, tell somebody. If you have a question...ask somebody!
 - If you don't have a Bible in a readable version...get one.
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Five for the Drive

A family conversation starter for the ride home

1. If the Bible is what it claims to be, why do you think people question its authority?
2. How might you respond to someone who questions the reliability of the Bible's history, science, and psychology?
3. Which do you think is more helpful: Listening to 100 sermons on the Bible or spending 10 minutes reading the Bible? Why?
4. How equipped do you feel when it comes to studying the Bible? What can you do to become better equipped?
5. What can you do to improve the quality and quantity of time you spend reading the Bible this week? Individually? As a family?

Ministry Opportunities

for more information about these and other events, go to
SavannahChristian.com/Events

Journey Serve Day

8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20

The Journey set behind The Link

Work is well underway to prepare the set for The Journey 2014! We have several construction and clean-up projects to complete in the next few months. Please bring your tools and your gloves. Lunch will be provided. For more information about how you can get involved, contact Brooklyn at bfranklin@savannahchristian.com.

Pivot Men's Conference

5:30 – 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26

Johnny Mercer Theatre, Savannah Civic Center

This conference will equip men with knowledge, truth and passion to live as a leader for Christ. Be inspired by our guest speakers Cam Huxford, Kenny Grant and Dr. Tony Evans. Through dynamic teaching, incredible worship and interview sessions, this experience will challenge men to lead biblically, live radically and pursue Christ relentlessly. Purchase your ticket for the afternoon workshops, evening rally or both at PivotConference.org.

Step into the Deep Women's Retreat

5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3 – 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4

Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons

Ladies, join us for an overnight retreat as we take time out from the busyness of life and focus on finding our strength in Christ. This is an opportunity to take a step deeper in your relationship with Him and refresh your understanding of who He is. The retreat costs \$80 per person (four per room) or \$100 per person (two per room). Pay the registration fee online at SavannahChristian.com by Friday, Sept. 26.

2014 Year-To-Date Giving and Attendance Through August

Average Weekly Attendance: 8,266

General Giving: \$9,566,345 **Faith Promise (Global Outreach):** \$746,896

The ONE Campaign: \$3,438,275

Online and Connection Kiosk Giving (31% of total giving), \$4,257,810

Transfers and Baptisms: 872