

Why should I obey the Bible?

There are many voices in our lives that speak to us and tell us what to do.

What are some of the voices that tell you what to do?

What does Psalm 119:105 tell us about the Bible?

Is the Bible just another voice?

The BIG question is “Why is it more important to listen to the Bible ahead of these other voices?” In other words, “Why should I obey the Bible?”

In answering this question we will bring together what we’ve already learnt about the Bible.

1. Three reasons why we should obey the Bible:

a) Its God’s Word

Write out Acts 5:29b:

2 Timothy 3:16 tells us that the Bible is God-breathed, that it is God’s very words. **Why does this make the Bible more important than any other book or any other voice?**

The Bible is God’s Word, so to not believe or disobey any Word of the Bible is to not believe or disobey God.

b) Its true

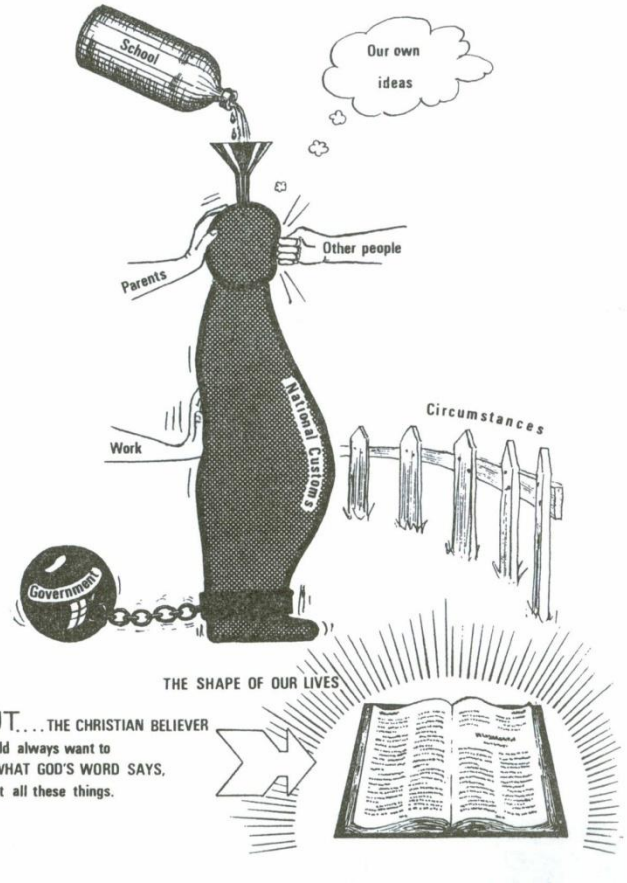
Write out John 17:17b:

If the Bible is true, why is it stupid to disobey the Bible? (Psalm 1)

c) Its needed

Write out 2 Timothy 3:16-17:

The ways we behave are often shaped by various influences. . . .



Complete the table to find out what the Bible is needed for.

	What do these verses teach about what the Bible is needed for?
Romans 10:13-17	
Matthew 4:4 1 Peter 1:23-2:2	
Deuteronomy 29:29	

What is the Bible not needed for?

Romans 1:19-21: _____

Romans 2:14-15: _____

Romans 1:32: _____

Why is it so important that we obey what the Bible says?

“The necessity of Scripture means that the Bible is necessary for knowing the gospel, for maintaining spiritual life, and for knowing God’s will, but is not necessary for knowing that God exists or for knowing something about God’s character and moral laws.” (Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology)

What does obeying the Bible show?

1 John 5:2-3: _____

“We obey God, not out of duty or fear or compulsion, but because we love him and trust that he knows what is best for us.” (Rick Warren)

2. Three wrong ways of obeying the Bible

It is worth noting that three wrong ways of obeying the Bible have appeared.

B Bible	R Reason
I Institution	E Experience

Reason: We only need to obey those Bible teachings which seem reasonable to us. (Liberals)

Institution: Insist that Church practices in the past are as important or even more so, than clear teaching of the Bible. (Catholics, Traditionalist)

Experience: We only need to obey those parts of the Bible which our experience agrees with. (Radical Charismatic’s)

Case Study: Is Homosexual Practice wrong?

How would the different view answer this question?

Bible: Yes. The Bible clearly states that homosexual practice is wrong (Leviticus 18:22; Romans

Reason: No. Some would reason that it is unreasonable to stop two people who love each other.

Institution: No. Some in the church say that homosexual practice is okay between faithful couples.

Experience: No. Some people’s experience is that it feels good and that God would want them to be happy.

Which view is obeying the Bible? Is homosexual practice wrong? _____

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