

That's The Way I Understand It - Series

A Quick Look At Biblical Christianity

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Do you know why Jesus of Nazareth is important?

Do you know what He claims His purpose is?

Do you know how He supports and interprets the Bible?

Compare your answers with this document.

Many people who know that Jesus is important have never really investigated Biblical Christianity. Many people are restrained by peer pressure (both social and professional), threat of death, etc. from investigating Jesus of Nazareth or from investigating Biblical Christianity. This is a good document to use to begin your investigation of Biblical Christianity. This document could have also been titled "The Intellectual Basis Of Belief And The Belief Basis Of Intellect".

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Support for the Biblical Jesus.

Those who follow the famous Biblical Jesus of Nazareth have come to the conclusion that there is something special about this Man. Those who follow Jesus have seen evidence that He is a most unique, unusual Man - - full of power and compassion. They find out that He has taken the penalty for all of our wrongs so that we can live free of guilt and meaninglessness and emptiness. This involves His death on the cross. But we should realize that when choosing to follow Jesus, His followers, even those in the Bible that chose to follow Him, do not see all of the theological significance of Jesus at the beginning nor do they understand all about the present and eternal spiritual realm that they were about to enter.

Followers do sense that they have a need for Jesus and what He has done for us so that we can be able to be in the presence of God both now and forever. "He shall save His people from their sins." He is more than a famous dead Man Who has some good ideas. And His followers listen to the living Man seeking His guidance.

A decision to follow the Biblical Jesus involves things from the spiritual realm. However, in the intellectual realm the evidence to support Jesus from the Bible record is: His miraculous works, His words, His fulfillment of the Old Covenant Old Testament Bible Scriptures, the attested witness of John the Baptizer, the attested witness of the close disciples of Jesus, His unusual birth told by those in the situation, the descriptions in the Bible of the reasons various people in the Bible chose to follow Jesus, and the great cloud of witnesses down through the ages. And, then, we have the resurrection. Lazarus in the New Covenant New Testament was resurrected but died again at a later time. Enoch in the Old Covenant Old Testament never died but was translated into heaven. But the resurrection of Jesus is different. We have the unique, predicted resurrection of Jesus, never to die again, to support the fact that Jesus is the long awaited Messiah, the Christ, the only begotten, unique, very Son of God!

Now let's listen to some of the Bible record support concerning the Biblical Jesus of Nazareth:

The Old Testament Prophet Isaiah: "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

Events at the birth of Jesus of Nazareth: But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto you Mary your wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name 'Jesus': for He shall save His people from their sins." Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, "Behold, a virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, 'God with us.'"

"For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved."

From that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him. Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Will you also go away?" Then Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that You are that Christ, the Son of the living God!"

Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said to the officers, "Why have you not brought Him?" The officers answered, "Never has a man spoke like this Man."

"Samaritan" woman at the well: "Come, see a Man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him for the saying of the woman, which testified, "He told me all that ever I did."

Samaritans of the city: So when the Samaritans were come unto Him, they besought Him that He would stay with them: and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word; and said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of your saying: for we have heard Him ourselves, and know that This is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His doctrine: for He taught them as One having authority, and not as the scribes.

Before the trap: And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of His words, that so they might deliver Him unto the power and authority of the governor.

During the trap: But He perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, "Why do you tempt Me?"

After the trap: And they could not take hold of His words before the people: and they marvelled at His answer, and held their peace.

Before the trap: Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle Him in His talk.

After the trap: And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at His doctrine. And no man was able to answer Him a word, neither did any man from that day forth ask Him any more questions.

When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not from where it was: (but the servants who drew the water knew); the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, and said to him, "Every man at the beginning does set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse; but you have kept the good wine until now." This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth His glory; and His disciples believed on Him.

Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken to him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, "Your son lives." Then he inquired of them the hour when his son began to get well. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives:" and himself believed, and his whole house.

A man born blind: Then again they called the man that was blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise: we know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

A later response: Since the world began it was not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If this Man were not of God, He could do nothing."

Later: Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe on the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I might believe on Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him, and it is He that talks with you." And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped Him.

Words of Jesus: Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Words of Jesus: Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

More words of Jesus: Come unto Me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

Words of Jesus: In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him. And I knew Him not: but He that sent me to baptize with water, the Same said unto me, "Upon whom you shall see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the Same is He which baptizes with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that This is the Son of God."

The thief on a cross beside Jesus on the day he died: "Lord, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom."

Jesus on the cross on the day He died: "Truly I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Jesus: "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

Jesus: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

Bible comment and disciples react: But Jesus spoke of the temple of His body. When therefore Jesus was risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

After the resurrection: Then He said to them, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?" And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

After He left: And they said one to another, "Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?"

Later to His close disciples: And He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me. Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things.”

And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. You go therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Further Bible Reference About Jesus Of Nazareth: The Holy Spirit of God and Jesus Christ saw to it that four biographies of Jesus were included in the Bible Holy Scriptures. There are also other excerpts about Jesus throughout the Bible. The Bible book “The Gospel Of John” is probably the most widely read and heard biography of Jesus. You can get a Bible and read it. John was the best friend of Jesus of Nazareth while Jesus lived on earth. The writer of the document that you are now examining has set a straightforward musical reading of the book of John to classical type art music titled “*A Soundtrack for St. John*” which should be available to you.

The Biblical Christianity Transition

Those who follow the famous Biblical Jesus of Nazareth make a transition in their intellectual allegiance as to who is their ultimate authority on all matters. There is no other human who can speak what God wants said with the authority that Jesus has. In the Bible book of John, Jesus concluded His earthly ministry before the proceedings to crucify Him began by saying,

“I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believes on Me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear My words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejects Me, and receives not My words, has one that judges him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of Myself; but the Father which sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that His commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, so I speak.”

Later Jesus told His close disciples,

“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

“If a person loves Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love Him, and We will come to him, and make Our home with him. He that

loves Me not keeps not My sayings: and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me.”

Note that this intellectual allegiance should not be confused with being converted. This intellectual allegiance may happen before conversion or after conversion. Being theologically converted is realizing that we are a sinner in the sight of God and then accepting the Salvation that He has provided in Jesus Christ so that we can live with God forever.

The Biblical Jesus, The Way to God.

The simplest statement of Jesus being the way to God is in the Bible in John 3:16 which states:

“For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

We cannot reach back into our lives and erase our wrongs to be fit to live in God’s presence now and forever. We need God’s help in some way to do this. The Bible Psalmist said,

“If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.”

The Bible New Testament writer said,

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”

but the writer said that God loved us enough to help us:

“Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;”

It takes some study to understand all of the theology of these statements. A study of the Bible books of Leviticus and Hebrews shows the development of God giving us something to take the penalty for our sin so that we are cleansed. The substitute sacrifice is not to appease God but rather to show God’s mercy - - do not dismiss that idea but rather try to understand what it is all about.

Remember this about Jesus:

“For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.”

We need to be mindful that Jesus claims to be Lord of all which He states in many ways and His close disciples state this based on what He has taught them.

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no one comes to the Father, but by Me.’”

“He was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.”

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believes in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?’ She said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord: I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.’”

“When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, ‘Lord, will You at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?’ And He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in His own power. But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.’ And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, ‘You men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven.’”

“All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.”

“And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through His Name.”

Jesus Supports the Bible Interpreted His Way

Jesus supports the Bible Old Testament down to the “jot and tittle” in Matthew 5.

Jesus supports the message of His disciple apostles in the New Testament by saying that he that receives you receives Me, and he that receives Me receives Him that sent Me.

Jesus supports the message of Paul when He called Paul to be an apostle and the apostle Peter includes Paul as Scripture in his writings.

The Bible is endorsed by Jesus the Christ in places in the Bible like John 10:35 which contains the phrase “Scripture cannot be broken (or false)”.

Places like Acts 15 and the book of Hebrews has the New Testament fulfilling the Old Testament which gives the Old Testament a new interpretation. The Old Testament is the Old Covenant and the New Testament is the New Covenant which grows out of the Old Covenant.

Places in the Scriptures ask that nothing be added to or subtracted from the Scriptures.

Places to learn the Bible are to attend a Church that has a Biblical Christianity Bible group in the Church and join it. Read the Bible. Get exposed to the Bible through others when it is correctly presented.

For a more detailed discussion of how Jesus supports the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, see “IS THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST CENTRAL TO HUMAN HISTORY?” in the “That’s The Way I Understand It – Series”.

Other General Comments

From the Bible book of Psalms: “A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou will not despise”.

There are Bible described hindrances to prayer such as how a man treats his wife can hinder his prayers (which also likely applies to how a wife treats her husband) and “You ask, and receive not, because you ask amiss, that you may consume it upon your lusts.”

The Bible teaches that we need to forgive to be forgiven. A test of this is: “is there someone that you will not speak to?” Forgiving does not mean that the law will not be executed or that we do not remember that we need to keep in mind where others may be weak.

We need to give to the work of Jesus Christ.

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” When we feel evil actions or words directed towards us in a situation, it is from Satan the Devil. Give the situation to Jesus who has defeated the Devil and let Him guide you as to what to do or say if anything.

The Bible teaches us to submit to others, to be a servant to others; but this does not mean that we have to do everything that they say to do because the Bible more importantly also teaches that we are to obey God not man. People can be tempted to wrongly use teachings like submission and being a servant to get you to do what they want done.

The Bible book of Hebrews 11:6 states that God is a rewarder.

The Bible teaches that there may be those who will kill us and think that they are doing God a favor. There are times that Christianity may have to go underground.

We need to keep the faith even when things do not work out even though we still have to face the human anguish and grief in a situation without human understanding. The Bible teaches that only “now we know in part”. The Bible prophet Habakkuk said, “Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of

my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and He will make my feet like hinds' feet, and He will make me to walk upon mine high places." In the Bible, heartbroken Job said at the death of many family members, "Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, and said, 'Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.'" Jesus facing death on a cross, after asking in tremendous anguish that it not come to pass, He said, "Not My will but Yours be done." The Bible writer Paul said, "And He said unto me, 'My grace is sufficient for you: for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." We do not have the strength to handle some situations in life. Only God and Jesus Christ can help us through these situations. However, earthly anguish and grief is not the final answer usually in this life and certainly not in eternity. Job was blessed greatly in his later life. Habakkuk saw where he was going. Paul knew where he was headed. The Bible psalmist said, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning". Jesus promised His followers joy, "If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love. These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." For some of us life may have much misery and the bulk of the joy comes in eternity in our next life. The Bible book of Hebrews says that Jesus received His joy fulfilled in eternity, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." The Bible prophet Isaiah prophesied that Jesus in His earthly life would be a "man of sorrows" but look how it ended as Isaiah prophesied in detail what Jesus would face in life and then in eternity:

"Who has believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: He had no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected of men; a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation? For He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of My people was He stricken. And He made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His

mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief: when You shall make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall My righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”

In the Bible book of I Thessalonians those followers of Jesus who are alive at the time of the return of Jesus Christ are translated into heaven to be transformed like those who are already dead at the time. Jesus teaches in Luke 16 that at death the angels come and get the spirits of His follows and take them to a heavenly paradise place rather than to a place of hell. Later (in the Bible book of I Corinthians 15) Jesus comes to get and resurrect our bodies to be transformed into a supernatural spiritual body joined with our spirit to be in heaven with God and Jesus Christ forever for a life of bliss (Bible book of Revelation): “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

This document that you are reading could have been called “The Intellectual Basis Of Belief And The Belief Basis Of Intellect”. Here is a comprehensive statement about knowledge that should not be too hard to understand.

- Knowledge cannot be “proved” in a way that all people will inescapably be compelled to accept it. After reviewing the evidence, logic, and issues that may be relevant, people have to decide what they are going to bet their life on -- that is, what are they going to put their “faith in”.
- Knowledge is expressed in symbols devised by limited, finite human minds. Lacking infinite knowledge and the ability to see the total mind set behind the universe, we would be wise to realize that our derived knowledge would likely be able to use refinement or even a totally new, more correct approach when we gain further insights. In a like manner, our interpretation of the kind of knowledge that we accept as not derived but instead as given to us -- our interpretation of this kind of knowledge could also get a more refined interpretation as we grow and gain more interpretation insights.
- There is a kind of knowledge that comes from tentative conclusions and educated guesses from observable data by limited, finite human minds.
- There is a kind of knowledge that comes from logical deduction type thinking from tentatively accepted assumptions and definitions by limited, finite human minds.
- These first two kinds of knowledge come from using concrete symbols that have a definite meaning like words and mathematics.
- There is a kind of artistic knowledge, like music and the arts, that uses either symbols that do not have a definite meaning or symbols that have a definite meaning but are used as symbols that do not have a definite meaning. We each can put our own living meaning into this kind of unique knowledge as we realize

what it is symbolically saying. But, this knowledge is very slippery in relation to the moral world. This knowledge cannot transform symbols with immoral attachments into moral symbols. For instance, if you start with symbols with obscene associations, the final product will have obscene elements even though we may be in a social web that pressures us to say that the obscene has been transformed and is no longer there. This artistic kind of knowledge has a way all of its own in being moral, amoral, or immoral based on its use in context. This knowledge can tell us about our feelings about life. This artistic knowledge, properly used, can stir our feelings about our choices in making decisions in life and we can choose to let it uplift our souls high above mundane human existence.

- Also, there is a kind of knowledge that the Bible calls the secret things belonging to the Lord our God which we will never know in this life and probably not know some of it in the next life.
- Then, there is a kind of knowledge about the world that God has created and the way He has made it to operate that we cannot know unless He tells us. This knowledge He does reveal through the prophets and apostles and also through the prayers of the children of God who walk Biblically with God and His Christ. God gives us appropriate evidence and tests so that the children of God walking Biblically will know that the knowledge is from God and not from Satan, the Devil. Within this kind of knowledge and the standard for all knowledge is a special Book called by such names as the Bible or Holy Scriptures and sometimes just God's Word and this Book reveals to us what God wants us to observe or do to get all of His benefits.
- Knowledge can be complicated by the fact that what the mind accepts as knowledge can be influenced by personal world view, social peer pressure for popular positions, peer pressure (professional or otherwise) even threats including death, thus self-preservation, selfishness, accepting of false promises made by others, incomplete study of the issues, etc.
- It might be mentioned in passing that correct Biblical faith in the unseen is smart faith not blind faith. That is because there are times that we have to have faith in the unseen but we can do this based on the faith that we already know. Thus what might seem to be blind faith can be due to a smart faith basis.
- It might also be mentioned that Biblical knowledge to know which way to act in a situation is based on consulting with God and Christ for guidance as we consider how to act. Mentally talk to Them or talk to Them out loud. This is called prayer. Of course, we use what the Bible tells us also. Bible Proverbs 3:5-12 tell us "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to your navel, and marrow to your bones. Honour the Lord with your substance, and with the firstfruits of all your increase: So shall your barns be filled with plenty, and your presses shall burst out with new wine. My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of His correction: for whom the Lord loves He corrects; even as a father the son in whom he delights." Jesus said in John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without Me you can do

nothing.” We still use our minds though. The Bible writer Paul said, “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” Clearly understand any statement given to you as fact; then, test it; keep what is good. In other words, consider all of the positions on a matter and their support. Do they interpret the facts correctly and consider all of the evidence? How does each position handle difficulties? Were all of the options or positions really considered? It also follows that literary works, drama, video, writings, etc. when exploring various positions on a matter should not leave out religious positions to a problem and literary works should not be living out the fantasies of the writer or presenting how the writer unrealistically wished the world would work. The Bible prophet Isaiah tell us to avoid the following situation when we seek the guidance of God and Christ concerning a position to a problem, “Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear.”

To better understand Biblical Christianity, study what it means to believe in Jesus Christ who is more than just a historical person who lived in the past - - He is a risen from the dead living Person who resides in a spiritual realm and is very much available to us by praying and talking to Him mentally or by talking aloud. From the Bible we learn about Jesus. From Jesus and those He endorses in the Bible we learn the importance and proper use of the Bible. Learn about the Bible and its rewards. Jesus said in John 14:15, “If you love Me, keep My commandments.” Furthermore Jesus said in John 15:5, “I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing.” But remember, Jesus said, “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me:”. (John 10:27) And He also said, “If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be: if any man serve Me, him will My Father honour.”. (John 12:26) And, “If a man love Me, he will keep My words:” (John 14:23).

God’s Chosen People and All of Human History

The Jewish people have been called God’s chosen people throughout human history. An understanding of human history through the Jewish history from the beginning of human history through the end of world history end time Bible prophecy helps understand Biblical Christianity. It involves an Old Covenant (the Bible Old Testament) and a New Covenant (the Bible New Testament).

For an end times discussion see the document “The Welcoming Committee For The Second Coming” in the “That’s The Way I Understand It – Series”.

Why has Jesus not yet come again? “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

Jesus said, “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches.”

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These religious documents are **An Advocate** for interpreting the Bible the way Jesus of Nazareth interprets the Bible. Jesus will honor the Bible if we use it the way He interprets it. ... Jesus our Savior believed the Bible as He interpreted it; so we know that what the Bible says about diligently seeking God and Jesus will be rewarded and honored in some way. Hebrews 11:6; John 14:15, 21; 15:4-6; I Sam. 2:30.

Bible Lessons For Those Who Want To Be Better Informed About This Famous Book

Do you know what the Bible really says and what it offers? Do you know what are some of the main issues in a Bible interpretation position that is **An Advocate** for interpreting the Bible the way Jesus of Nazareth interprets the Bible and what kind of Biblical understanding it offers? Requires a few minutes a day of reading. Uses documents from **That's The Way I Understand It - Series**. [Another approach to the materials in **Studies In Biblical Christianity, A Self-Directed Course Of Study**.]

THE BIBLICAL GOD IS A REWARDER

Are You Informed About Where Biblical Christians Are Coming From As You Make Decisions?

Bible Rewards from God.

A Case For Art Music To Be The Core Of The Church Music Program

Persuasion to help us not to lose the great depth of Worship that is possible with a particular kind of music assuming that it is properly done.

An Easy Bible Reading Plan

Do you know what the Bible really says? With a few minutes a day you can read the entire Bible. The readings are divided into episodes to make your reading more logical and easier.

Encouraging Hope For The Adult Beginning Harpist

Encouragement for adult harpist. Discussion of musicianship for any musician and for many who are not musicians.

The Essence Of Teaching

Provides the professional teacher or the parent as teacher with a momentary reflection on the natural process of teaching hopefully with a more comprehensive, helpful look at teaching.

The Welcoming Committee For The Second Coming

A study in Biblical prophecy and the end times of earth time. **{Help to save you time in figuring out Bible Prophecy.}**

How To Sing At Sight For The Singer And Instrumentalist (How To Hear Printed Music In Your Mind)

Just what the title says. For the professional and the amateur. Get a copy of this document for each member of your performance organization especially if it is a singing group. Drill on it at the beginning of each rehearsal should pay good dividends.

That's The Way I Understand It - Series (continued)

Instant Sunday School – A Ten Year Verse-By-Verse Trip Through The Bible

Requires very little preparation time for a person to lead this group study. All of the work is already done for you. Thus, it is an easy Bible Study to present. This Bible Study goes through the Bible verse-by-verse alternating from time to time between the Testaments. This study can also be done as an individual study. Please see the document for more details and uses. Do you know what the Bible really says to help you discern error and grow? *"Blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it." Luke 11:28*

IS THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST CENTRAL TO HUMAN HISTORY?

Has anyone ever told you about Biblical Christianity? Do you know some of the issues about the Bible and Bible interpretation including the issue of is God a rewarder? Uses "The seven last words of Jesus Christ". Uses the story of the thief on the cross beside Jesus. The thief on the cross bad-mouthed Jesus severely. Then, in less than a few hours he converted. What happened? Why did the thief convert? Sinners can be forgiven and redeemed by God. An Advocate for interpreting the Bible the way Jesus of Nazareth interprets the Bible. **{Help to save you time in figuring out the Bible.}**

A Layered Aesthetic Interpretation Of Music For The Performer, Composer, And Listener

A new look at music in human existence. For anyone who makes music at any level and for anyone's enjoyment of music. Not as complex as the title might imply. The principles in this document have application to all of the arts.

A Mathematical And Computer Analysis Method For Catching A Sniper, Etc.

An inexpensive, simple to use tool for law enforcement to identify the law breaker in serial, multiple incident law breaking situations. For law enforcement professionals.

The Pattern Of Prime Numbers

Plus A Prime Numbers Formula

The Pattern of Prime Numbers. For the mathematician. Contains information on macro writing thus making it also for the computer person.

Studies In Biblical Christianity

A Self-Directed Course Of Study

Provides a Picture Study, a Linear Study, and Additional Studies that should go far in giving you the opportunity to examine the explanations, clarifications, and reasons in the view of a Bible interpretation position that is **An Advocate for interpreting the Bible the way Jesus of Nazareth interprets the Bible** to see some of the issues in Biblical Christianity for an introduction or review. Uses documents from **That's The Way I Understand It - Series**. [Another approach to the materials in **Bible Lessons For Those Who Want To Be Better Informed About This Famous Book.**]

A Quick Look At Biblical Christianity

Do you know why Jesus of Nazareth is important? Do you know what He claims His purpose is? Do you know how He supports and interprets the Bible? Compare your answers with this document. Many people who know that Jesus is important have never really investigated Biblical Christianity. Many people are restrained by peer pressure (both social and professional), threat of death, etc. from investigating Jesus of Nazareth or from investigating Biblical Christianity. This is a good document to use to begin your investigation of Biblical Christianity. This document could have also been titled "The Intellectual Basis Of Belief And The Belief Basis Of Intellect".