WHO CARES WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS?

The Bible claims to be the Word Of God. It claims that all who believe God's word have life that will last forever. God bore witness to this by sending his beloved son Jesus, from heaven into this world. Jesus did many miracles as proof that he was from God and that he spoke God's words. Jesus' message to all of us is that we should change our thinking to believe his words.

How shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?

So let's start by considering what the Bible says about the Bible. Here are a few Bible passages and some questions to help us think about it.

(1)

Think about <u>2Timothy 3:16</u>. In this passage the apostle Paul is teaching a man named Timothy who had believed Jesus.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God"

(The meaning of "Scripture" is: the words written in the Bible.)

Where does all scripture come from?

(2)

Think about <u>2Peter 1:21</u>. In this passage the apostle Peter is speaking to those who have believed Jesus.

"For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

(The meaning of "*Prophecy*" is: one speaking forth the mind of God.)

How did God breathe out his word?

(3)

Think about <u>1Thessalonians 2:13</u>. In this passage the apostle Paul is speaking to those who had believed his preaching.

"we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers."

How did these believers receive the message about Jesus?

(4)

Think about Matthew 4:4. In this passage Jesus is speaking to the devil.

"But he (Jesus) answered, It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

What did Jesus say is necessary for humans to live?

(5)

Think about <u>John 17:17</u>. In this passage Jesus is praying to God his father, for those who receive his words.

"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."

What did Jesus believe about God's words?

(6)

Think about <u>Luke 21:33</u>. In this passage Jesus is speaking to his followers.

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

What did Jesus say about heaven and earth and his words?

(7)

Think about <u>John 5:24</u>. In this passage Jesus is speaking to his enemies.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

What does Jesus say is true about people who hear and believe his words?