

“Kingdom Citizen's & The Bible”

PART 1

**You will probably
be offended by
what I say tonight**

**My main purpose is
to make you think**

**I'm confronting the
teachings of men
like Jesus did with
the Jewish leaders**

What did Jesus Say about their teaching?

“Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have **hindered those who were entering.**”

Luke 11:52 (NIV)

“Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practised the latter without leaving the former undone.”

Luke 11:42 (NIV)

What did he also say?

“And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them.”

Luke 11:46 (NIV)

“Woe to you, **blind guides**, who say, ‘Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obliged to perform it.’ **Fools and blind!**”

Matthew 23:16-17 (NKJV)

“If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me”.

John 5:46 (NIV)

Unbelief due to inaccurate teaching prevents people from entering into everything God has for them and wants them to know

Paul: “So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.”

Hebrews 3:19 (NKJV)

OUR KINGDOM STARTING POINT:

Everything
must change

The Spirit can't reprogram us for the Kingdom
if we aren't prepared to do this

The church maxim I want to address:

“The Bible is the infallible word of God and the basis of everything we believe”

Where does such a belief come from?

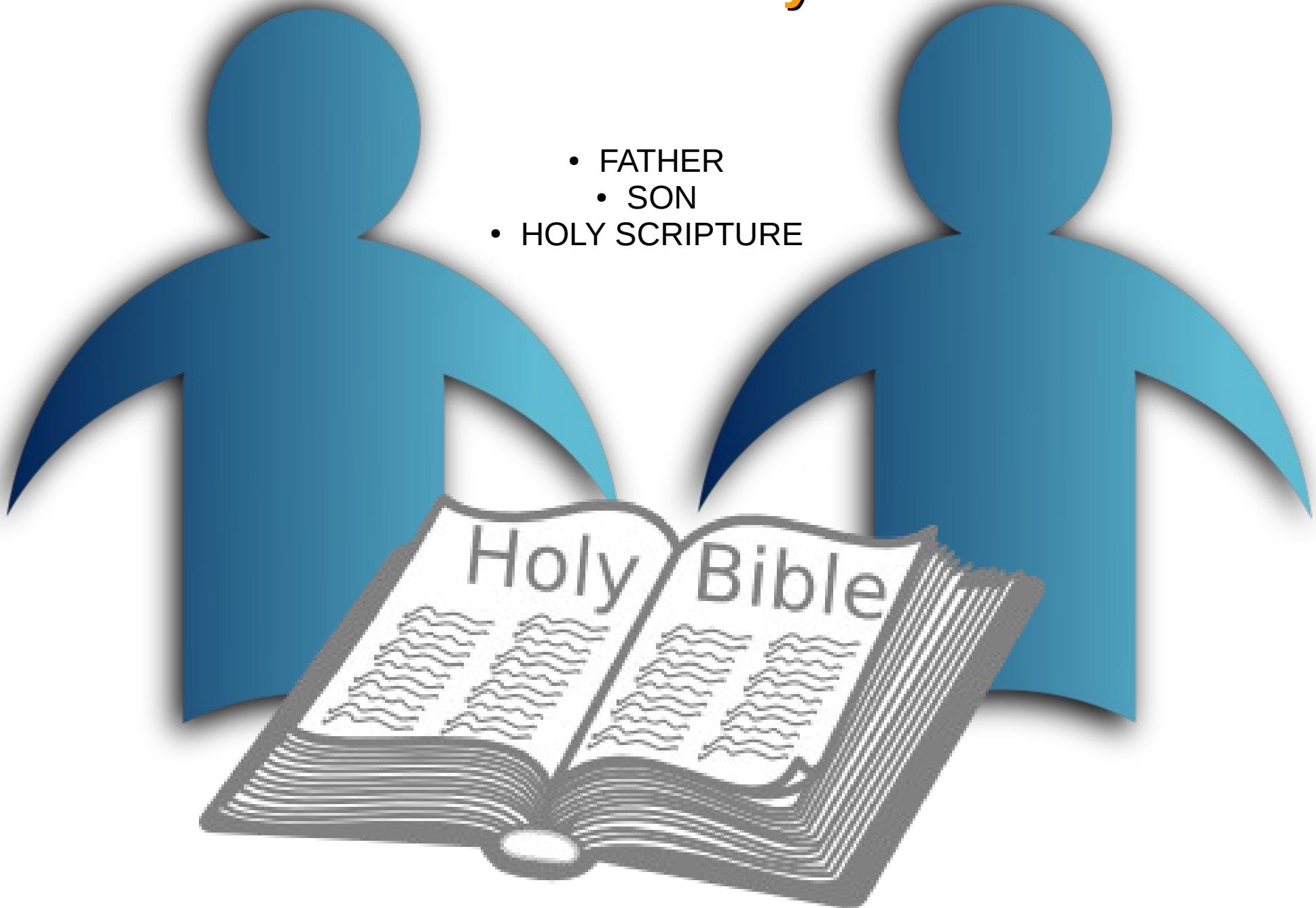
Is this a Kingdom belief?



**LET'S
INVESTIGATE**

Biblical over-emphasis produces this concept of the Trinity

- FATHER
- SON
- HOLY SCRIPTURE



The Trinity question again!

“...let me ask you this: Does your relationship with God depend on the doctrine we are investigating, or does it continue with or without the doctrinal conclusions?”

This is very important:

**The foundation of the church are
the apostles and prophets**

(Ephesians 2:20)

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Notice:

This scripture does
not say the Bible
is the foundation
of the church

Understand this:

People without empowerment will substitute for it

“People without empowerment act from a survival basis and must do whatever they can or need to do, just to survive.”

www.lifechange90.com/empowerment

When the church is without the power of God they have to devise a substitute and then justify it until it becomes entrenched in their thinking

Where did the concept of the Bible being the central guide to a believer's life come from?

- (1)** With the belief that the spiritual gifts and power died out with the 13 apostles, cessationists could only look to the NT's written words as the source to create their doctrines.
- (2)** Following the Protestant Reformation of the 16th Century the Bible became the metric of all doctrine as a reaction to the inerrancy of Roman Catholic doctrine and the infallibility of the Pope

Biblical focus became a successful method of discipleship and it has remained so entrenched

The knowledge Protestants gained from the Bible “was the rallying point and the battle cry that made the Reformation nearly unassailable”.

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protestant_Reformation

The Bible in vernacular languages were on the Vatican's banned list for centuries

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middle_English_Bible_translations

How is the support for
the Bible as the only
source of knowledge
maintained today?

It's an appeal to the Bible to
justify its place of importance

Here's one of the principle texts:

rhema

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”

Matthew 4:4b (NKJV)

LOGIC: The word of God is the Bible so we need to read it every day.

REALITY: Rhema is the quickened word from God, not the written word or the record of what he said. This is what is received in the spirit and is spiritual nourishment. The mind has no play in this 'feeding'.

OUTCOME: We should be daily hearing from God personally, either face-to-face or with our spirit.

Here's another of the principle texts:

“For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.”

Psalm 138:2d (NKJV)

LOGIC: God's spoken words are more important than his name so we need to read them every day.

REALITY: God's spoken word is powerful, life-giving – e.g. it is creative. His name is powerful only in the spiritual authority sense. Jesus said his spoken words were spirit and life-giving to those who heard them.

(John 6:63)

OUTCOME: We should be daily hearing from God personally, either face-to-face or with our spirit.

Here's another of the principle texts:

“Study to show yourself approved by God, a workman who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 3:16a (NKJV)

LOGIC: We need to study the Bible conscientiously so that we please God.

Let's look at that a bit more closely

<VINE's: ***spoudazo***> Signifies "to hasten to do a thing", "to exert oneself", "to endeavour", "give diligence", "be zealous" ('Study' is only used in 2 Timothy 2:15)

"Make an effort to present yourself to God as a tried-and-true worker, who doesn't need to be ashamed but is one who interprets the message of truth correctly."

2 Timothy 2:15 Common English Bible

OUTCOME: We should be energetic in what we do to please God and to deal with truth properly.

Here's another of the principle texts:

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God

2 Timothy 3:16a (NKJV)

Let's look at that a
bit more closely

What is “all scripture” from Timothy's perspective?

OT SCRIPTURES

“and that from *childhood* you have known the **sacred writings**, which are able to make you **wise** for salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus. All ‘**these writings**’ [are] breathed out by God and [are] **profitable** for teaching, for reproof, for correcting, for **training** in righteousness, so that the man of God may be proficient, fully equipped for every good work.”

THEIR VALUE?

2 Timothy 3:15-17
(Mounce Reverse-Interlinear New Testament)



Did you know?

The 27 books included in the biblical canon of the New Testament were decided in the 5th century.

But in the 2nd Century, Irenaeus & Origen referred to 27 books –

8 are not included in the current NT

The Roman Catholic and Eastern Christian churches also hold that certain deuterocanonical books and passages are part of the Old Testament canon – called the Apocrypha. These are:

[meaning: a second principal, rule, or criterion]

- **Tobit**
- **Judith**
- **Wisdom** (*also called the Wisdom of Solomon*)
- **Sirach** (*also called Ecclesiasticus*)
- **Baruch**, including the Letter of Jeremiah (*Additions to Jeremiah in the Septuagint*)
- **1 Maccabees**
- **2 Maccabees**

There are also additions to some of the OT books:

- Additions to **Esther** (*Vulgate Esther 10:4–16:24*)
- Additions to **Daniel**:
 - *'Prayer of Azariah' & 'Song of the Three Holy Children' (*Vulgate Daniel 3:24–90*)
 - *'Susanna' (*Vulgate Daniel 13, Septuagint prologue*)
 - *'Bel and the Dragon' (*Vulgate Daniel 14, Septuagint epilogue*)

Here's something to consider:

Q: How many letters to the early churches would Paul have written during his life – especially during his time in prison?

Q: What about the writings of the other apostles and early church apostles?

Q: How much of the wealth of early writings (i.e. teachings) have we lost?

Missing Letters to NT Churches

Paul's Epistle to Corinth:
Mentioned in 1 Corinthians 5:9

Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians:
Mentioned in Ephesians 3:3

Jude's Epistle:
Mentioned in Jude 1:3

Epistle from Laodicea to Colossians:
Mentioned in Colossians 4:16

**Did you
know?**

*Jesus wasn't a
bible-quoter?*

According to Matthew's record, Jesus used the phrase, "*It is written*" only 8 times:

- 4 were his retort to Satan when he was being tested in the wilderness.
- 3 were used when explaining things to his disciples.
- 1 was a rebuke to the money merchants when he cleared the temple outer court.
- 0 when he spoke to the public.

Only once is it recorded in Matthew that he said, "*Have you...read in the Scriptures*" and that was when he was reasoning with a person.

And for us:

- In the near future
- Quoting scripture won't work
- You'll need to be able to speak the Spirit's word into people to arrest them for the Kingdom

That's how the man
Jesus operated

**Test
your
self**



Test what you think the Bible is?

The only true word of God

The ‘manufacturer’s’ handbook

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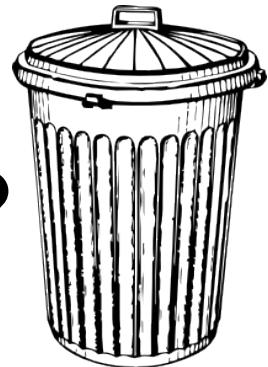
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A religious Bible test for you?

Could you put something else on top of a Bible?



Could you throw away an old Bible?



Could you burn a Bible for any reason?



*Your answers reveal your attachment to
the book rather than to Almighty God!*

Who is our teacher?

The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things**, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

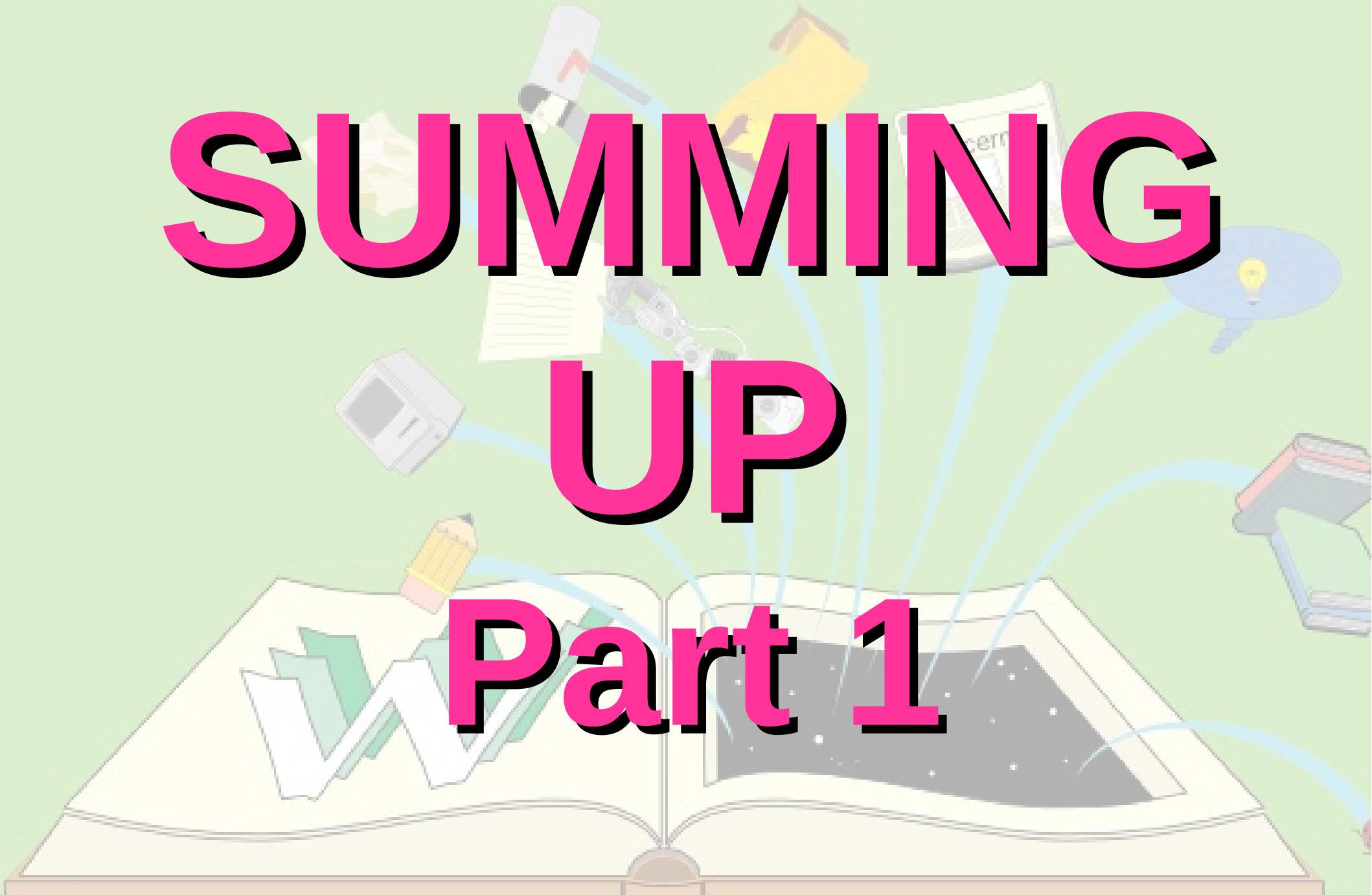
John 14:26 (NKJV)

The Bible is very useful, but it is not our teacher – i.e. our source of instruction.

The SPIRIT will teach us from the Bible.

SUMMING UP

Part 1



**Believing you are
right keeps you
stable & confident**

**But it doesn't mean
that you ARE right!**

The Bible isn't the source
of all knowledge -
we must source
the Spirit as well

So: *Don't be frustrated*



Hang out 'til next time

EXAMPLE: How being biblical without the Spirit's guidance is problematic



Video

“Ray Comfort Gets
WRECKED By Free
Thinking Caribbean Woman”
[6:55]

EXAMPLE: How interacting
with no scripture can be
successful with the Spirit's
leading



Video

“The Normal Christian Life”
Episode 6
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EXAMPLE: Learning from the Spirit

Prophetic Message

It is always election time in My kingdom. It is always election time and you are one of My elect. I call you the elect of My kingdom because in My kingdom My vote is the only one that counts. I have elected you to privilege. I have elected you to a position of authority and favour and blessing. You cannot be impeached for I am your righteousness and your assurance is in Me. I have elected you therefore you will take your place and rule and reign as My beloved on the Earth.

EXAMPLE: Learning from the Spirit

You are My elect and there is an authority and there is a favour that rests upon you. I am placing a sceptre in your hand that is going to release My power breakthrough in your life and the life of others. You are looking to Me but I have put the entitlement in your hand – you are now in the jurisdiction of My blessing and all you need to do is step forward with expectation knowing that I am enlarging every step beneath you.

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