

THE *Big 3*

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TITLE: How the Bible is Relevant and More Important Than Ever

To study the Bible in a straight comparison to any other book in history starts us off on the wrong foot. And to slice and dice out the parts we don't like or understand leaves us with an incomplete picture. But you can learn to understand this beautiful, powerful, and important book!

Here are three key things to believe and consider when reading the Bible...

1. **The Bible was never meant to be a book of rules, historical data, or a science manual.** Reading it properly and understanding the genre and type of literature devices (simile, narrative, figurative or literal etc.) will help you to better read and understand what God is conveying in each passage. It is key that we understand the Bible as one big story in order to best fit this all together accurately. Otherwise, we are in danger of proof-texting ourselves into error and legalism
2. **God desires (above all) that you would know him, believe what he says is true about you, and that you'd trust him in every area of life.** This is why he gave us his Word. It is all for our good and his glory! *2 Tim. 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.* And the Bible is not a dusty, old, dead book; it meets us right where we are at today! Uniquely from any other type of document in human history. *Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active.*
3. **The Bible is best read and understood as a series of stories.** The text and narratives help us understand who God is and what he is like. And Jesus, the son of God, came to show us what is true about us, our identity-how God sees us-and how we get to live in this world with him. Become a student of the Word. Read the Gospels often. Being a true disciple requires us to know, trust, and obey God's Word!

**The Bible is true, the Bible is relevant. The Word of God is alive!
Learning to read and teach the Bible accurately is an important
calling and privilege of every Christian!**

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