

The Bible Tells Me So Why Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable To Read It Peter Enns

Exploring Christian Scripture: Issues, Themes, Books, Topics
John Wesley believed the Scriptures are a complete rule of faith and practice" and "they are clear in all necessary points." To this affirmation, Wesley immediately adds, "and yet their clearness does not prove that they need not be explained"
The book you are holding emerged as a companion to a Scripture conference at Northwest Nazarene University. Many scholars at the conference contributed essays to this important book. About half of the essays address vital issues, such as biblical inspiration, inerrancy, interpretation, and authority. John Wesley's approach to the Bible is examined, and some essays explore how the Bible ought to be approached in a postmodern world. Other essays address crucial themes in various books of the Bible. These essays will help preachers and teachers greatly as they work to present the truths of Scripture to contemporary people. If understanding the Bible well is a high priority to you, this may become one of the most important books you'll ever read!
This Book contains a love poem told side by side of inspiring photographs taken by the rocky seashore of Florida and in the breathtaking mountains of South Carolina. May the poem in this book be a blessing between husband and wife in marriage as God intended it to be. God bless you, and may He strengthen your marriage and make it powerful and strong as it points to Him and His love for the bride of Christ! In Jesus' Name, Amen.
Presented in a setting of childhood pleasures and adventures, this joyful book helps children gain a love for the Scriptures as they see the big picture of what the Bible is all about--from its lofty themes to its divine, life-giving power. Throughout, the Bible's inspiration, inerrancy, and authority are taught with conviction and clarity.
Offers devotional lessons with four steps--thinking, listening, talking, and praying--meant to be used by families to learn more about biblical truths.
The Beginner's Guide to Loving & Understanding God's Word
The Revelation of St. John an Open Book
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Can the Bible be approached both as sacred scripture and as a historical and literary text? For many people, it must be one or the other. How can we read the Bible both ways? The Bible and the Believer brings together three distinguished biblical scholars--one Jewish, one Catholic, and one Protestant--to illustrate how to read the Hebrew and religiously. Marc Zvi Brettler, Peter Enns, and Daniel J. Harrington tackle a dilemma that not only haunts biblical scholarship today, but also disturbs students and others exposed to biblical criticism for the first time, either in university courses or through their own reading. Failure to resolve these conflicting interpretive strategies often results in a critical approach or the religious approach--or both. But the authors demonstrate how biblical criticism--the process of establishing the original contextual meaning of biblical texts with the tools of literary and historical analysis--need not undermine religious interpretations of the Bible, but can in fact enhance them. They show how aware of their own evidence, cultural context, literary form, and other tools of historical criticism can provide the necessary preparation for a sound religious reading. And they argue that the challenges such study raises for religious belief should be brought into conversation with religious tradition rather than deemed grounds for dismissing either that tradition or the Bible. Readers through the history of biblical exegesis within the Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant faith traditions, The Bible and the Believer bridges an age-old gap between critical and religious approaches to the Old Testament.

"It was the best of church, it was the worst of church..." [not Charles Dickens] In some ways, the church has a horrendous track record and is deserving of much of the hate, accusation and mistrust it has received. But, in many other ways, the church has also been monumental in affecting great systemic change, being first on the scene in reaching out to and loving well those considered the least of these. To those of you who believe church is the worst thing ever: You're right! To those of you who believe church is the best thing ever: You're right! The church was God's idea and it is the plan He has chosen to bring transformation to a world desperately in need of a deeper love. It doesn't appear to have a plan B. We are it! I call this book, 'i, church' because more than a building or a meeting or a list of do's and don'ts, the church is about the people. It is about me. And it is about you. If you love Jesus and have chosen to follow Him, then you are the church. Let's figure out together how to be the best church we can be. This is a picture of the church that is stark and real. He sees through church politics and denominational blinkers and defines the core of what the church is and isn't and what God desires it to be." [Bruce Collins, legend and appreciator of good coffee]

Victoria A. Fletcher has lived her entire life in Damascus, Virginia. She attended Virginia Intermont College where she received her B.A. in Education. She later attended Tusculum College and received her M.A. in Education. She was a teacher in the Washington County Virginia Schools for 30 years before retiring. She is now the church secretary in Damascus, Virginia. She has worked in the Children 2 Department (grades 3-5), taught the 5th and 6th graders in VBS, and directed the Children's Choir for more than 30 years. Her interests include writing (of course), reading, Bible study, computers, music, board games, and puzzle books. She began writing when she was 13 years old and has written poetry. Several of her poems have been published in poetry anthologies. She is hoping the Bible stories inside will be a source of enjoyment for many children through the ages. Enjoy reading Emery Reid was a former student of Victoria A. Fletcher. He and his wife Cathy and two daughters, Lucy and Lydia live in southwest Virginia. He is a husband and father. What do we do when life goes completelycontrary to the way we feel it should? Howdo we handle life's disappointments,heartaches and let downs?All people suffer but not all respondappropriately to their sufferings. For some,suffering turns to bitterness andunforgiveness towards God. For others itturns to despair and, sometimes, even to death. A questionhow does one handle the big (and small)setbacks, hurts and disappointments thatwe all experience.In 2012 the author entered into a seasonof suffering unlike any he had experiencedbefore and found himself faced with manyquestions for which he had no answer:Where was God? Why had He abandonedhim? What should he do? Why did He journeyed through the darkest nightof his soul he discovered a way of lookingat life that not only made sense of thesuffering he was experiencing but alsohelped him to see suffering in a way hehad never seen it before as he looked at itthrough the lens of faith.In this book the author provides hope forevery hurting soul, demonstrating that in every situation hasbeen, there is good behind and in it andthough you may have felt like God wasnowhere to be found He was there withyou all of the time.

Why God Desires Our Trust More Than Our "Correct" Beliefs

Old Testament Stories for Children

Reading the Bible as Scripture

Gentle Words to Comfort

The Bible Tells Me So

This lined Christian journal features the Bible verse "Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her" Luke 1:45 on the cover. It makes the perfect gift for kids, teens and adults. There is ample room inside for writing notes and ideas such as those you may hear at church. This paperback notebook is 6" x 9" (letter size) and has 110 pages (55 sheets).This Christian notebook is designed to be east to carry and will fit inside most Bible covers, medium size purses or briefcases. It is free of a cumbersome, coil binding which allows it to be easily stack with your Bible and other devotional books.

The popular Patheos blogger wants to restore the cross as primarily a symbol of God's overwhelming love for us and to rescue Christians from the shame and guilt from seeing our situation as "sinners in the hands of an angry God," which was an invention of the medieval church and became enshrined as orthodox Christianity. Many Christians believe that God the Father demanded his only Son die a cruel, gruesome death to appease His wrath, since humanity is so irredeemably sinful and therefore repugnant to God. Tony Jones, popular progressive Christian blogger, author, and scholar, argues that this understanding is actually a medieval invention and not what the Bible really teaches. He looks beyond medieval convictions and liberates how we see Jesus's death on the cross from this restrictive paradigm. Christians today must transcend the shame and guilt that have shaped conceptions of the human soul and made us fearful of God, and replace them with love, grace, and joyfulness, which better expresses what the cross is really about. How we understand the cross reflects directly what kind of God we worship. By letting go of the wrathful God who cannot stand to be in our presence unless he pretends to see Jesus in our place, we discover the biblical God who reaches out to love and embrace us while "we were yet sinners." Jones offers a positive, loving, inclusive interpretation of the faith that is both challenging and inspiring. Did God Kill Jesus? is essential reading for modern Christians.

Jesus My Everything is the second poetry collection by Bonita L. Williams. The poems focus on one's life as influenced by Jesus. The journey called life is full of challenges; a closer walk with the Lord makes the travel easier. Readers are reminded that Jesus is the source of our strength and hope.

From mazes to color-by-number to seek and find, these puzzles will help even your smallest students learn more about the Bible. Over 80 lessons from the Old and New Testaments are included, with a memory verse, teaching tips and easy instructions provided for each lesson. 96 pages.

Revealing Erroneous Embedded Doctrines in Conventional Theism

Bible Tells Me So Show

Breaking Pride

Tearing Down Walls, Walking in His Grace

Big Puzzles for Little Hands

What does the Bible teach and what does it not teach? Does the Bible Tell Me So addresses this question by first examining how the Bible has been misinterpreted in the past and then asking if we are making the same mistakes in how we interpret current issues.

The Gospels and Acts are composed of writings from St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, St. John and the Book of Acts. The purpose of which is to give you the spiritual lens that will enable you to see clearly what you fail to see using your physical lens. As you read this collection, try to see the three spiritual themes to it. Get a copy today.

This Torah-based book will help clarify your understanding of the Messiah's Truth from a Hebraic perspective.

Bible stories from the Old Testament written for children. Each story also has a Bible verse and an application for life.

The Gospels and Acts Book 2

Why Submitting to Abuse Is Not a Christian Wife's Duty

Bible Study Guides and Copywork Book - (St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, St. John and the Book of Acts) - Memorize the Bible: Bible Study Guides and Copywork Book - (St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, St. John and the Book of Acts) - Memorize the Bible

So Glad God Gave Me You!

Did God Kill Jesus?

You were created for purpose...God's purpose...uniquely gifted and designed to fulfill His purposes in your life. Everyone has a sense that they were born for a purpose. But there is something more than just a purpose. The God purpose was designed specifically for you, and it's your responsibility to live out God's plan for you, becoming His masterpiece. From her own experience in discovering her God purpose, author Lisa Singh has outlined the steps to take to discover your God purpose. This easy-to-read guide will instruct you to explore why God designed a special purpose for you and how you can come to understand it. Once you know your place in the world, you can begin to live your purpose and thereby bless not only yourself, but the world you live in. Realize who you are and learn practical applications for victorious fulfilling living. Whether studying alone or in a small Bible study, you'll find the tools you need to find your God purpose and start living your life the way it was intended to be lived-on purpose!

A book of inspired words that have helped Betty through many trials and tribulations. Beautifully written in the first person narrative are many answers to questions we ask of God in our daily prayers. As we sit before the Lord asking direction, may we learn to listen, and gain better understanding inspired by the love God showers upon us.

Grief put her down. Can love pick her up?Newlyweds Renny and Adam Carter have been married for six wonderful months. One evening their peaceful ride down a misty two-lane road in Whisper, North Carolina is tragically interrupted. They're hit by a truck carrying tree logs. Renny's husband is instantly killed. She escapes with a broken life, a broken heart, and a fractured mind.Merek Spencer's mother was kidnapped fifteen years ago. The event shocked the small and idyllic town of Whisper. But soon the spectacular crime lost its luster, and things returned to normal for everyone except Merek and his father, James, who blames himself for the crime. For this reason, Merek has had to play role reversal with his father. And despite Merek's model good looks, he is a loner by choice, working late hours as an architect. At age 36, he has had plenty of opportunities to open himself up to love, but for some reason he cannot. All of that changes when he meets Renny Carter on the worst night of her life. He pulls her out of a wrecked car and his long dormant feelings awoken from their deep sleep. Reluctantly and ashamedly, Renny also feels the connection.Merek and Renny part ways never expecting to see one another again. Fate has another plan. How soon should love arise after a devastating loss? Can such a love be legitimate? What about the guilt? Can such a love be of God?

This book is Sally Stanley's incredible journey and amazing testimony of God giving her "The Power To Go On." Stricken with a staph infection which produced large painful sores all over her body, she was rushed into surgery, where the surgeon accidentally severed the main artery to her heart, causing blood to flood her chest cavity, which resulted with her dying on the operating table. This resulted in her "after death or out-of-body experience" and miraculous encounter with The Lord, as He spoke these marvelous words, "You have been chosen by God and your work is not finished." Upon her immediate restoration, she spent weeks on a ventilator and had several months of physical therapy. Over the next several years, Sally has experienced and recovered from a fractured vertebrae, several strokes, and heart attacks. During this time period she also cared for her husband John, after he experienced seizures and strokes, which finally lead to his death on December 12, 2013. Then in May of 2014, while walking in a pedestrian crosswalk, she was suddenly hit by an automobile, suffering multiple injuries, including a shattered right shoulder and broken neck. Sally tells everyone that over the past 20 years, many miracles have happened in my life, but faith in Christ has given me "The Power To Go On." "I hope that everyone who reads this book will understand that with God, all things are possible. It is so great to know that we have Jesus walking with us each and every day."

Let Yahshua Rock Your World

Jesus My Everything

Me and My Father Are One

Faith

The Sin of Certainty

The Scriptures say, "In the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God. And the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning" (John 1:1). John's gospel calls Jesus the Word of God. He presents Him as the personal Word of God, which indicates that in these last days God has spoken to us through His Son. The Scripture also revealed that Jesus Christ is the manifold wisdom of God and the perfect revelation of the nature and person of God. Just as a person's words reveal his or her heart and mind, with Christ, it is the same, as the Word reveals the heart and mind of God. All those who know Jesus Christ, earnestly desire to know Him more and more. Our Lord said, "Before Abraham was born, I Am," which means that Abraham is a creature of God, just as Adam and Eve; and Jesus Christ is the Creator, He is the beginning and the end, the first and the last, the Mediator and the Messiah, predicted by the Old Testament prophets long before Abraham was born. Jesus Christ is the manifestation of God's wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God that was slain before the foundation of the universe. "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together" (Colossian 1:17). God will show His love for you in an active way, in a big way, in a way that you cannot imagine or think, or comprehend. At the present time, your most holy duty and task is to draw close to the Lord and continue in faithful obedience to His commandments, to His Word and to the control and direction of the Holy Spirit. Gain a deeper understanding of Jesus Christ and grow in knowledge, strength and truth through this uplifting read.

A careful, well-researched exposition of the biblical texts which are used to manipulate women into remaining in situations of domestic abuse, together with scriptures which are liberatory to women in this situation Adopts a high view of scripture and engages honestly with passages which are traditionally viewed as oppressive to women Draws on interviews with women who have experienced domestic violence Pastoral, direct, highly accessible style of writing which seeks to engage abused women and enable them to take a fresh look at the situation they are trapped in Written by a biblical scholar and practising pastor with a track record of being able to communicate to audiences at all levels

So many of us desire freedom - the freedom that is promised to us when we decide to follow Jesus. The freedom from the burden of our sin, the need to be "good enough," anger, jealousy, and envy. Even though we are believers we would be ashamed to say that we don't always experience peace, contentment, and joy in our life. We are looking for the grace that God has so graciously given to us to be real in our life... Breaking Pride is an eBook based on one simple truth: In order to walk in God's grace we need to tear down the the walls of pride. A lot of believers, even though saved by God's grace, are still walking in pride rather than walking in His grace. Knowing what pride is and learning to identify pride in your life is the first step to overcoming a life filled with pride. Pride is rooted in fear and leads to anger, jealousy, and envy. Sin isn't keeping us from having a relationship with the Lord, it's our pride. So many of us long to have an authentic and REAL relationship with the Lord, and we long to have the fruit of the spirit filled in our heart. Our desire is to achieve these fruits through will power. But we do not even realize that the pride that lives within our heart is what is blocking the fruit of the spirit from living within us. In Breaking Pride you will learn to identify different areas of pride in your life. Filled with encouragement, Breaking Pride will take you through a practical reading of what pride may look like in your life... Let's stop building walls of pride and start building the foundation of grace within our lives...

The controversial Bible scholar and author of The Evolution of Adam recounts his transformative spiritual journey in which he discovered a new, more honest way to love and appreciate God ' s Word. Trained as an evangelical Bible scholar, Peter Enns loved the Scriptures and shared his devotion, teaching at Westminster Theological Seminary. But the further he studied the Bible, the more he found himself confronted by questions that could neither be answered within the rigid framework of his religious instruction or accepted among the conservative evangelical community. Rejecting the increasingly complicated intellectual games used by conservative Christians to "protect " the Bible, Enns was conflicted. Is this what God really requires? How could God ' s plan for divine inspiration mean ignoring what is really written in the Bible? These questions eventually cost Enns his job—but they also opened a new spiritual path for him to follow. The Bible Tells Me So chronicles Enns ' s spiritual odyssey, how he came to see beyond restrictive doctrine and learned to embrace God ' s Word as it is actually written. As he explores questions progressive evangelical readers of Scripture commonly face yet fear voicing, Enns reveals that they are the very questions that God wants us to consider—the essence of our spiritual study.

Walking Into Love

JESUS LOVES ME This I Know

Jesus Loves Me

The Bible and the Believer

Most Treasured of All

The perfect gift for your Christian friend or loved one! It's lined, college ruled with 110 pages and is 6"x9"This cool red heart cross designed Christian Notebook for Men and Women is the perfect tool to record, reflect and remember moments in life... or just a place to keep a to do list or notes. It's the perfect size to record thoughts you can look back on for years to come. Great gift for anyone who loves Jesus, God and the Bible.

