

Bible Passages

Defending the Faith, Guiding Souls to Jesus

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Souls are precious. People are hurting. Many are dying, and Christianity is under attack. Our world is in turmoil, and lives are being devastated by sin—time is of the essence. We must work while it is yet day, for the time comes when men shall work no more and then stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Like the apostle Paul, my desire is to warn every man, and to preach to every man “that we might present every man perfect in Christ Jesus” (Col. 1:28). The world is now populated by over 7 billion souls, all of whom must be reached. God isn’t willing that any should perish; He wants all to come to repentance (2 Pet. 3:9). How, then, can you and I begin to make a significant difference in reaching those souls? I believe the new work of *Bible Passages* can help.

Every day over 350,000 new souls enter the world; all of whom need to know the message of truth. However, beginning the Christian journey, navigating the rocky shoals of temptation, and advancing toward the goal of heaven requires the help and guidance of others (Gal. 6:2). Just as the Ethiopian nobleman needed Philip to guide him through scripture, *Bible Passages* is likewise dedicated to guiding souls to Jesus and aiding them in their understanding of the Bible (Acts 8:30-31). We are focused on training preachers, equipping the Saints, defending the faith, and guiding souls to heaven. Our work also involves providing long-term informational and training resources for the evangelistic and educational needs of the church, but our guiding mission is to tell others about the matchless love of God and His glorious Kingdom.

The concept of *Bible Passages* gradually evolved over the course of a 30 year ministry; a ministry that has taken my wife (Carla) and me from the college campus, the mission field, to schools of preaching, and into the pulpit. What began as a dream many years ago has now developed into a reality, and God has opened for us a door of opportunity to begin this new ministry that has the capacity of reaching millions. Some of the elements associated with this ministry have already been active and ongoing for several years through World Video Bible School. Over 1.3 million *Searching for Truth* DVD’s and books have been distributed, and now our most recent endeavor of *Bible Land Passages* continues to develop and expand.

In the kingdom God has charged evangelists, shepherds, and teachers with the responsibility of equipping the saints for the work of ministry for the building up the body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-12). Building and equipping is what congregations must learn to do well; the growth and strength of the church is dependent upon it. The key to growth is to engage more people in the work of ministry. This is accomplished by doing four things: (1) Investing deeply in the lives of people through discipling and mentoring; (2) developing leaders; (3) feeding members with the word of God; and (4) equipping them with the tools they need for Bible study and for personal growth and development. A part of that growth and development can be acquired through the newest phase of our work called *Bible Land Passages*.

Bible Land Passages (a work of *Bible Passages*) is dedicated to helping others know that the Bible and its message of salvation are rooted in a historic and geographic setting – a real time and a real place in history. The Bible’s reliability and credibility is dependent upon evidence that corroborates its claims. New Testament scholar C.H. Dodd said “Some religions can be indifferent to historical fact, and move entirely upon the plane of timeless truth. Christianity cannot” (*History and the Gospel*). *Bible Passages* is dedicated to showcasing those historical facts through the *Bible Land Passage Video Series*, and the Bible Land Passages website. These educational tools are designed to help others better understand and appreciate the Bible, and thereby deepen their faith in both God and the sacred text.

Bible Land Passages, however, does more than just defend Christianity and its historical roots. We are also dedicated to examining and showcasing the lands of the Bible and its environs to provide our viewers and students with a window into the ancient past. By sifting through the archaeological data, by traveling down the pathways of the Bible lands and by traversing through the passages of its ancient cities, trade routes, and caves we come to not only better understand and appreciate the challenges of life faced by our religious forbearers, but we also come to see how God used the historical and geographic settings of the Bible lands to refine and develop their faith. Those same real places and same real settings - when examined in our modern era - can likewise become a passage for us in developing greater faith and devotion for God. *Bible Land Passages* is therefore all about helping connect people to God and encouraging others in their own personal walk of faith.

Whether it is in training preachers, defending the faith through Bible Land Passages, or in the work and development of the *Searching for Truth* materials, we believe Bible Passages is a valuable resource for the church. To aid a soul in learning about salvation or to strengthen a new convert in the fundamentals of the faith, have them visit www.searchingfortruth.org. For educational resources, videos for edification and a better understanding of the Bible, visit www.biblelandpassages.org. If you would like to study the Bible in the land of Israel on a special 12 day journey visit www.biblelandpassagestours.com. If you would like to know more about the work of *Bible Passages* overall, or would be interested in supporting our work, please visit www.biblepassages.net where you can obtain a detailed list of our goals, objectives, and overall ministry plan. The existence of this work is dependent upon the kindness, generosity, and prayers of concerned Christians like you. We would be so honored and thrilled if you could join with us in this great work of glorifying God and guiding souls to Jesus.