



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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BIBLE FACTS

- About 90 hours are required to read through the Bible.
- The Bible contains 66 books – 1,189 chapters -31,100 verses.
- Five books in the Bible contain only one chapter: Obadiah, Philemon, II John, III John, and Jude.
- The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119 with 176 verses.
- The shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 117 with 2 verses.
- The longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9 with 90 words.
- The shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35 with 2 words.
- The shortest verse in the Greek is I Thessalonians 5:16.
- The middle verse of the Bible is Psalm 118:8.
- The word “Jehovah” occurs some 6,855 times in the Bible.
- The word “Lord” occurs some 1,853 times in the Bible.
- The Old Testament is the account of a nation preparing for a Messiah.
- The New Testament is the account of a Messiah preparing a nation of believers for God.
- The only acceptable interpretation for any Scripture is the interpretation that God gives it (**II Peter 1:20-21**).
- The Bible was divided into chapters by Cardinal Hugo in 1250.
- The Bible was divided into verses by Robert Stevens in 1551.
- In 1560, italics were first used to indicate words used in the translations that were not found in the original translation.
- The whole Bible, divided into chapters and verses, first appeared in 1560, known as the Geneva Bible.
- There are about 350 direct quotations from the Old Testament that are found in the New Testament.
- Over 2,500 times the writers claim to be inspired.
- More than 3,800 times in the Old Testament, the claim is made that the Scriptures are the Word of God.
- Scripture is derived from Latin meaning, “the writings.”
- The Bible was written in different places at different times about 40 different writers over the span of some 1,600 years.
- Only God could provide such a book as the Bible!

Borrowed

HEAVEN WILL SURELY BE WORTH IT ALL

How many times have we heard, or participated in the singing of this song? W. Oliver Cooper is responsible for the words of this great song and what a great encouragement it has been, and continues to be, for every Christian. However, it is only an encouragement to those who know Heaven is worth it all. Are we singing the truth in this song? Do we truly believe Heaven is worth it all?

Often we are hindered on our way to Heaven. The burdens in life are so heavy that many crumble under the immense strain. Paul informed the young preacher Timothy, “*all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution*” (**II Timothy 3:12**). Jesus informed His disciples that they would be hated by all men, just for being a Christian (**Matthew 10:22**). One must understand that the Bible produces one of two effects. One heart will be melted by the Word, calloused, like nerve endings that have been seared (**Matthew 13:13-15; I Timothy 4:2**). A heart that will hear and obey God’s word is promised a home in Heaven (**Matthew 7:21**).

“*Man that is born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble*” (**Job 14:1**). We all have our struggles and hardships in life. The Bible calls these hardships burdens (**Galatians 6**). There are physical and spiritual burdens that we all face. The only way for us to find the strength to endure is realize Heaven will be worth it all. Jesus offers great confidence in His words, “*Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life*” (**Revelation 2:10**).

We serve the God that cannot lie (**Titus 1:2**) and He has said, “*Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again, and receive you unto myself that where I am, there ye may be also*” (**John 14:1-3**).

Is your mansion reserved today? Have you lost sight of the value God has placed on your soul (**Matthew 16:26**)? Please let us help in any way, because, **Heaven Will Surely Be Worth it All.**

Barry Kennedy

