

Bible as Christ's Testimony.

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Unique authors. Analogy with the TV show: producer and his assistant. Prophecies about Jesus. Prophecies about different events. To assure that we can trust the Author of the Bible. That He has all authority in heavens and on earth. That we can also trust what He tells about our future. Acts 3.

Uniqueness of the Bible... continuation.

[5] Unique purpose:

The Bible is God's communication with us. How does communication work?

Three elements: attitude – message – purpose. E.g. Jana and Rocky.

The Word of God is living and active. Coming with the Spirit. John 6:63, Heb 4:12, Jeremiah 23:29. We know the Author. The Triune God. We know His attitude towards us. From Gen 3:15 to John 3:16. We have His message.

What is its purpose?

God's purpose on two levels:

[1] There is a purpose for every book in the Bible. Certain context. Certain issues. Certain audience. E.g. Paul's letter to Galatians. Letters to Corinthians. Letter to Philemon. Letters to Timothy. Book of Revelation.

[2] But also, there is a purpose for the whole library. Some of the best summaries are these. Read John 20:31 – believe and have life. 1 Tim 2:4 – know and are saved. 1 John 1:1-3 – know and have fellowship.

When we hear the message, things happen. Rom 1:16, 10:17, Gal 3:2. John 5:24.

Note! We do not study God. We listen to Him. He speaks to us and as He speaks His Word and His Spirit does things. We need to ask not just “what does this mean?” but also “what does this do?” “What is the purpose of this communication?”

E.g. Jonah. Did God fail or succeed?

The Context of the Origins of the Bible.

Genesis 3. Genesis 9. Genesis 12. Genesis 26 & 28. Genesis 41 & 46. Exodus 1. Exodus 2. Exodus 3. Exodus 6-12.