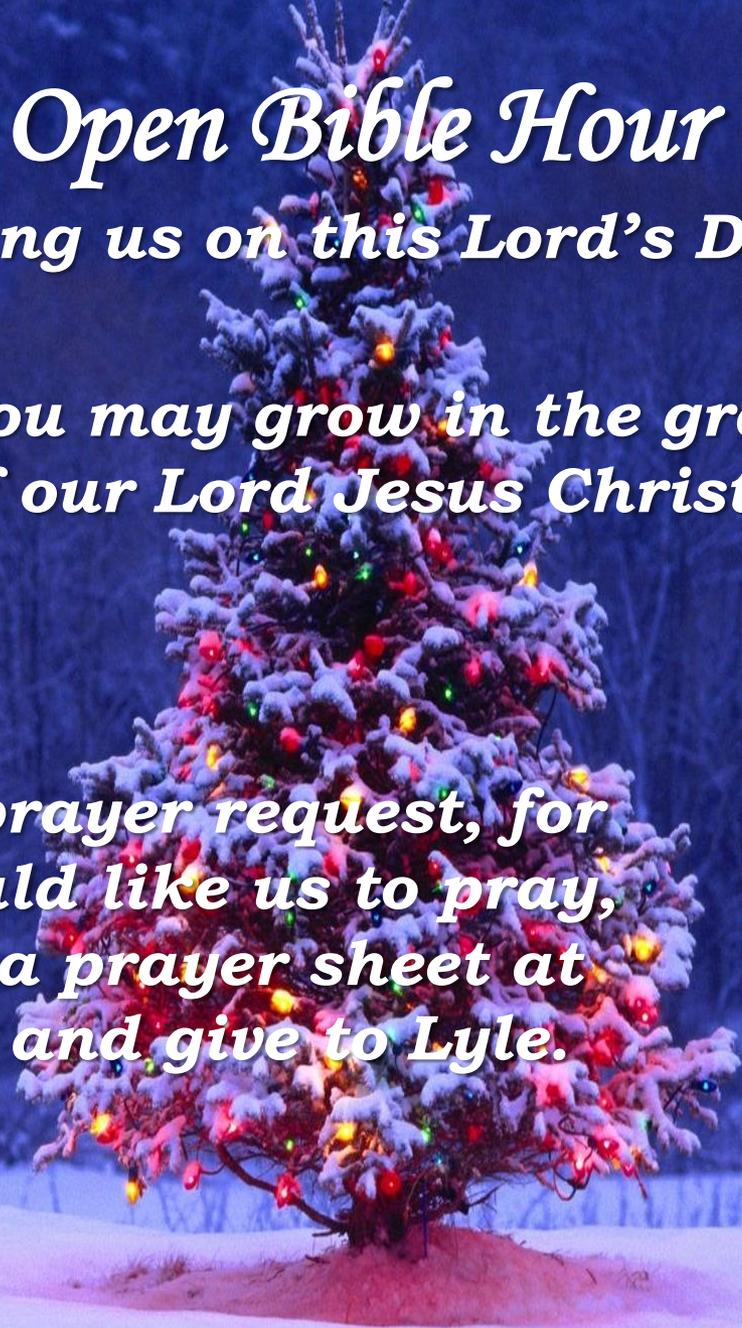


Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

*Our desire is that you may grow in the grace
and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*If you have a prayer request, for
which you would like us to pray,
please fill out a prayer sheet at
the back table and give to Lyle.*



Q & A

December 21, 2014

1. What is the difference between the Bible being innerrant and the Bible being infallible?

2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is inspired (breathed out) by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Verbal, plenary, inspiration of Scripture.

Verbal – inspiration involves and includes the actual language forms (words, sentences, order of words in a sentence, parts of speech, etymology, morphology, syntax). These are not inspired thoughts only but inspired words that came from inspired thoughts.

Plenary – inspiration extends equally to all parts of Scripture.

Inspiration – Scripture came directly from God through the individuality, personal interest and literary style of man.

Results:

Innerrancy – free from any error.

Infallible – incapable of teaching deception and leading one astray.

**Wholly true, wholly trustworthy and wholly reliable.*

Sufficient – all that is needed.

Perspicuity – comprehensible, clear.

Authoritative – is the final and ultimate declaration for all faith and practice.

2. When I discuss biblical concepts with my friends, I'm often met with the reply, "that's your interpretation". How should I respond?

What's wrong with my interpretation?

3 problems:

1. At the heart of it, it is calling into question the perspecuity of Scripture – its just not clear.
2. It denies the work of the Holy Spirit.
3. It many times is followed with 'I don't think we can know that'.

3. "Whoever may call on the Lord will be saved."

"Not everyone says to me Lord, Lord . . ."

"This day you will be with me in Paradise"

"Every careless word . . ."

"Unless you convert and become as little children,
you shall not enter the kingdom . . ."

How much or how little faith is enough to be saved?

Eph 2:8

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

Matt 17:20

20 And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.

4. I just finished reading “How to listen to God” by Charles Stanley. In the 8th chapter he describes the 4 soils as stages of hearing the word.

I sent him an email and mentioned Kay Arthur’s teaching about the 4 soils in Luke as only the fourth soil the believer bearing fruit. I mentioned MacArthur’s “The Gospel According to Jesus” which also teaches only the fourth soil is the believer.

I received a letter from his staff stating the book had not been updated, and supplying a DVD with a sermon for listening, in which Stanley speaks of the four stages of maturity.

How would you respond if someone asked about these viewpoints?

(I believe in the Arthur and MacArthur perspectives)

Luke 8:5-15

- 5 "The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up.
- 6 "Other seed fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.
- 7 "Other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out.
- 8 "Other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great." As He said these things, He would call out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."
- 9 His disciples began questioning Him as to what this parable meant.
- 10 And He said, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is in parables, so that SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.
- 11 "Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God.
- 12 "Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved.
- 13 "Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.
- 14 "The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.
- 15 "But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

5. What is the purpose of sermons in the church to be?

1. Preach and teach the Word.

2 Tim 4:1-2

1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

2. Bring believers to maturity.

Eph 4:11-13

11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man,