

### 1 KINGS 10:1-13 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to test him with hard questions. 2 She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart. 3 So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for the king that he could not explain it to her.

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4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, 5 the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the Lord, there was no more spirit in her. <sup>6</sup> Then she said to the king: "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom.

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<sup>7</sup> However I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard. 8 Happy are your men and happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom! 9 Blessed be the Lord your God, who delighted in you, setting you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord has loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do justice and righteousness."

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10 Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, spices in great quantity, and precious stones. There never again came such abundance of spices as the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon. 11 Also, the ships of Hiram, which brought gold from Ophir, brought great quantities of almug wood and precious stones from Ophir.

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12 And the king made steps of the almug wood for the house of the Lord and for the king's house, also harps and stringed instruments for singers. There never again came such almug wood, nor has the like been seen to this day. 13 Now King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked, besides what Solomon had given her according to the royal generosity. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

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Matthew 12:42 (NKJV) <sup>42</sup> The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.



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### SOLOMON / A TYPE OF CHRIST



Type / Shadow Inferior

King / Authority Built God's temple Wisdom Glory / Wealth Joyful servants Worthy of being sought out



Reality / True Superior / Excels



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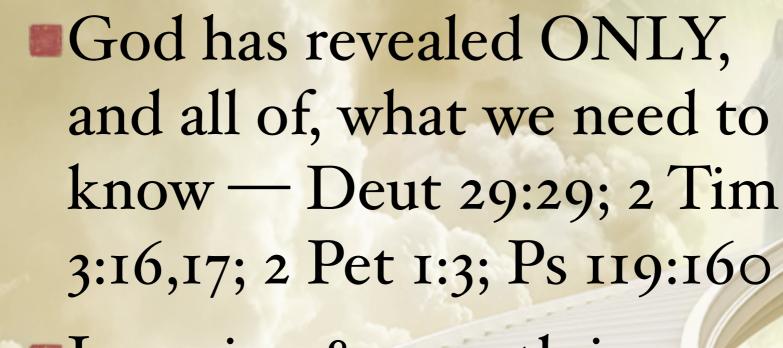
### BETTER THAN EXPECTED

- The joy of our salvation 1 Pet. 1:8
- ■The peace we have in Christ Phili. 4:7
- The beauty & glory of heaven & our existence there Rev. 21,22;



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### THE DESIRE TO KNOW MORE



Learning & growth is a process — John 16:12; 1 Pet 2:2; 2 Pet 3:18; Col. 1:10;

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### "HALF TRUTHS" THE WHOLE TRUTH



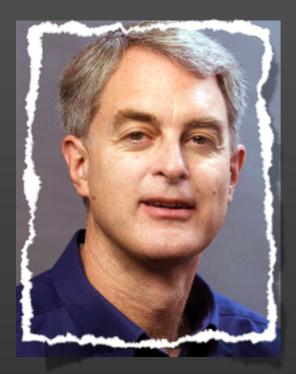
- A common practice (politicians, salesmen, preachers, etc.)
- A half truth is not the whole truth Acts 5:1-4
- Teaching ONLY part of what God says about a particular subject is a failure to teach the truth Ps 119:160; John 16:13; Acts 20:27

#### THE PROBLEM OF BIBLICAL ILLITERACY



Regarding Biblical illiteracy and discipleship, Christian researcher and author George Barna reports: (2007)

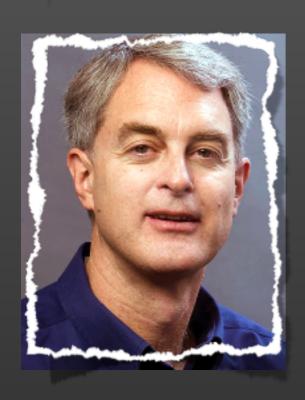
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"Bible reading has become the religious equivalent of sound-bite journalism. When people read from the Bible they typically open it, read a brief passage without much regard for the context, and consider the primary thought or feeling that the passage provided. If they are comfortable with it, they accept it; otherwise, they deem it interesting but irrelevant to their life, and move on. There is shockingly little growth evident in people's understanding of the fundamental themes of the scriptures and amazingly little interest in deepening their knowledge and application of biblical principles . . .

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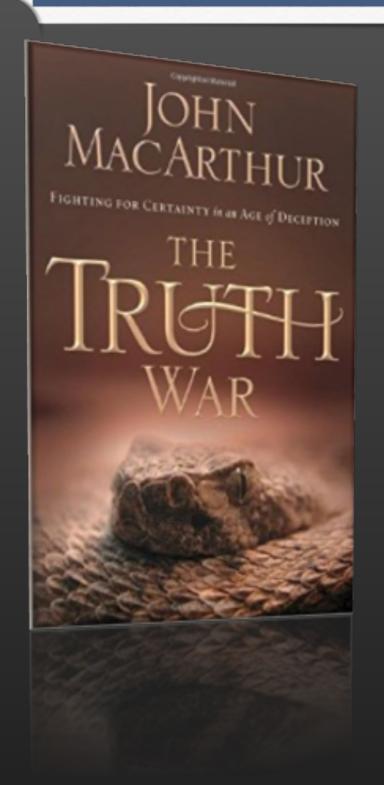
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"The problem facing the Christian Church is not that people lack a complete set of beliefs; the problem is that they have a full slate of beliefs in mind, which they think are consistent with biblical teachings, and they are neither open to being proven wrong nor to learning new insights. Our research suggests that this challenge initially emerges in the late adolescent or early teenage years . . . In a culture driven by the desire to receive value, more Bible teaching is generally not viewed as an exercise in providing such value."

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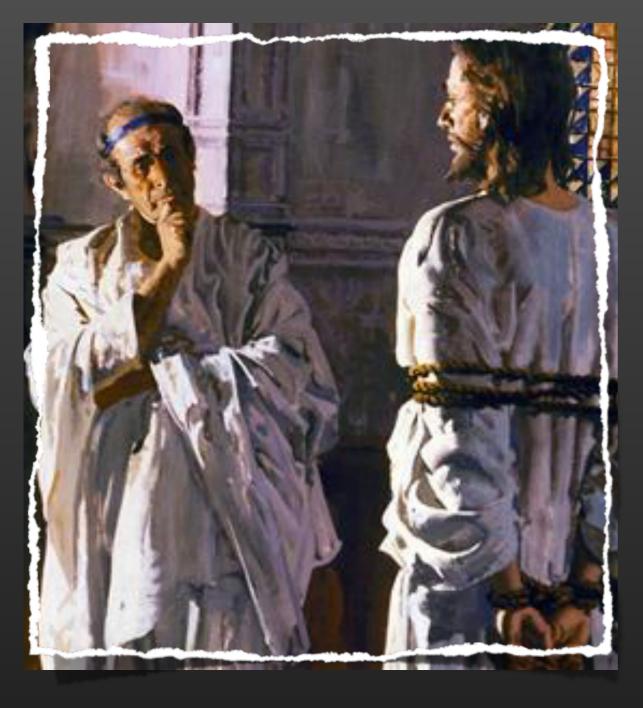
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"That the Bible puts a very high premium on truth is indisputable. But sadly, the church today has largely downplayed and abandoned truth, content to follow the spirit of the age. That spirit is comprised of postmodernism, relativism, emotionalism and subjectivism. Truth cannot flourish in such poisoned soil." Truth Watch — by Bill Muehlenberg (Review of "THE TRUTH WAR" by John MacArthur)

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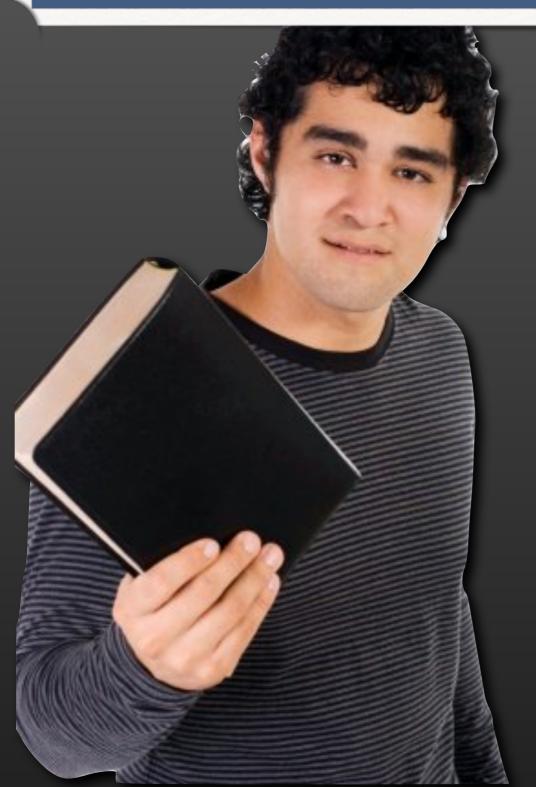
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Isaiah 59:14 (NKJV) Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter.

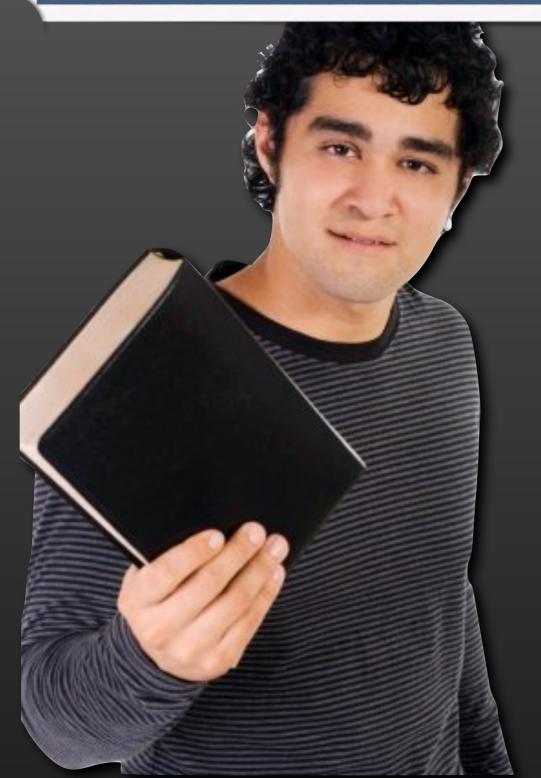
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- We will not believe more than we know, and we will not live higher than our beliefs.
- → The many fronts of Christian compromise in this generation can be directly traced to biblical illiteracy in the pews and the absence of biblical preaching and teaching in our homes and churches.

### TRUE / BUT NOT THE WHOLE TRUTH



- God is a God of LOVE John 3:16; 2 Thes 1:8,9; Heb 10:30
- As long as you are SINCERE

   John 4:24; Acts 23:1
- The Gospel consist of the D.B.R. of Jesus 1 Cor. 15:1-4; John 8:24; Mat 28:19
- God BLESSES those who
  Serve Him John 10:10; Acts
  14:22; 2 Tim. 3:12; Eph 1:3

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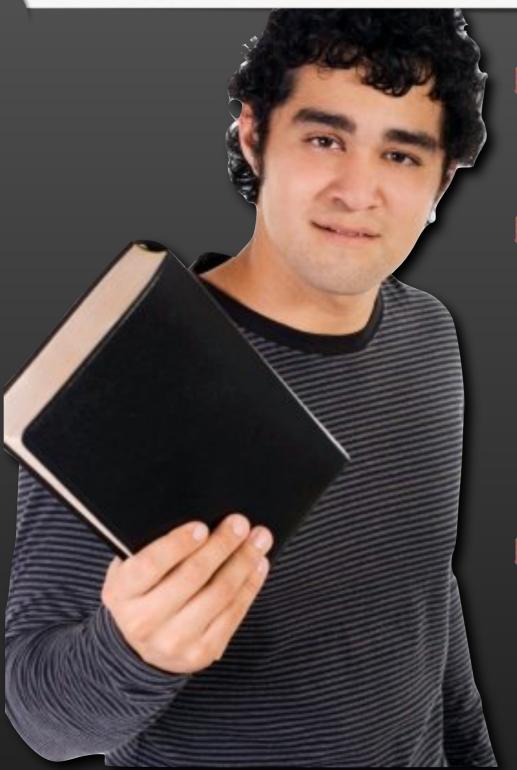
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- Saved by GRACE but NOT without faith Tit 2:11,12; Ep 2:8,9; Rm 10:13-17
- Saved by faith, but NOT a faith that will NOT obey James 2:19-24; Luke 6:46; Mat 7:21-23; Heb 5:8,9
- We are saved in Baptism, but NOT apart from faith & repentance Mark 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21; Acts 2:38; Col. 2:12,13
- The believer in Christ is secure but MUST endure John 10:27-29; Rom. 8:28-39; 1 Cor. 9:27-10:13; Heb. 3:14ff.

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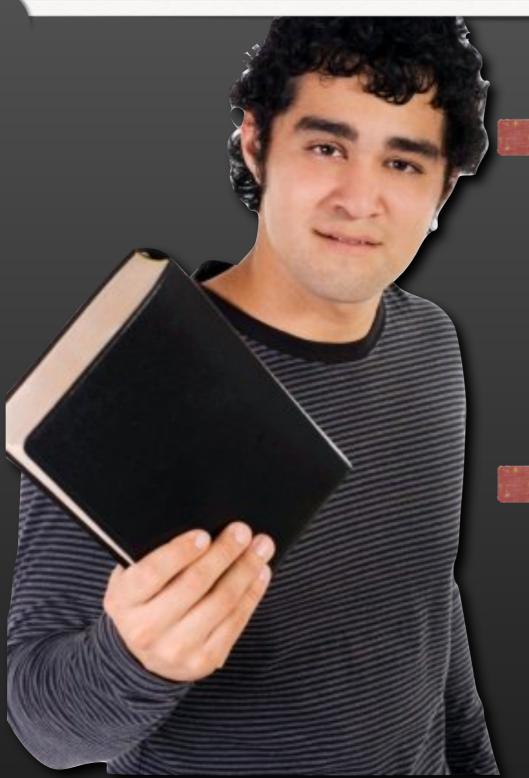
#### THE PROBLEM WITH "PARTIAL EVIDENCE"



- Results in false beliefs, teaching & practice Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Pet 3:16,17
- Results in wrong conclusions & unjust criticism (of those teaching the truth, of those in positions of authority; of another's actions, etc. ...) Prov. 11:13; 18:13; 25:2; 1 Tim 6:4
- Promotes strife and division—
  Rom. 16:17; 2 Cor. 12:20; Prov 16:28; 1
  Tim 6:3-5

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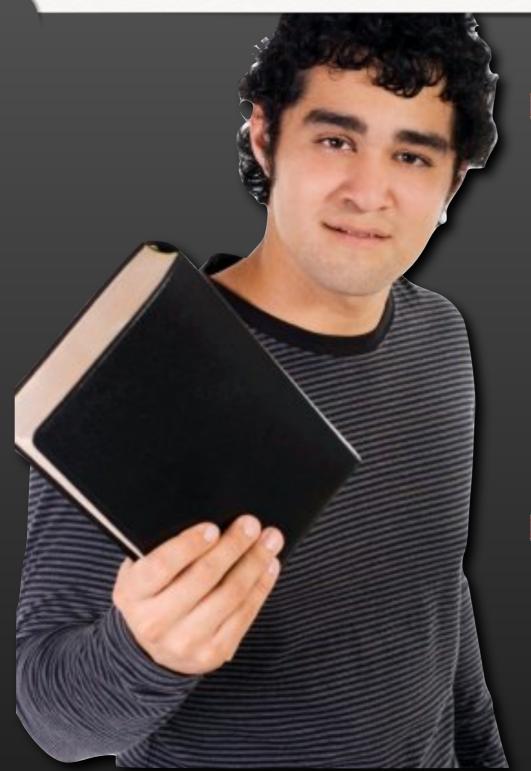


Importance of the Inductive method of Bible study – Ps 119:160; 2 Tim 2:15; 3:16,17

The need to dig deeper & harmonize all God has said – Acts 17:11,12; 2 Tim. 2:15

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### GOD'S WORD IS THE TRUTH — JN 17:17



- Do you take a smorgasbord approach to the Scriptures, picking and choosing what you like, what you will believe, what you will accept as truth? Ps. 119:160; Jn 8:32; Rev 22:18,19
- Are we as diligent as we ought to be in "showing ourselves approved of God" 2 Tim. 2:15

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God said it That settles It I Need To Believe It!

- The truth has been made available John 8:32
- God wants you to come to a knowledge of the truth that you might be saved 1 Tim 2:4
- Please hear believe confess repent and be baptized obey the truth and purify your soul Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38



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### Deuteronomy 4:1-6 (NKJV)

1 "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers is giving you. <sup>2</sup> You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

### Deuteronomy 4:1-6 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Your eyes have seen what the Lord did at Baal Peor; for the Lord your God has destroyed from among you all the men who followed Baal of Peor. 4 But you who held fast to the Lord your God are alive today, every one of you.

# Deuteronomy 4:1-6 (NKJV) <sup>5</sup> "Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess.

### Deuteronomy 4:1-6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'