

Give Me The Bible

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➤ Intro:

- **Title:** Give Me The Bible
 - illus.: hymn, *Give Me the Bible*, vs. 1-2
- **How badly do you want the Bible?** - attitude toward, if taken away by rouge government, doing with today

➤ The Bible is God's way of communicating to us.

- **God only reveals His mind, in His word (Bible).**
 - **1 Cor. 2:6-10** only know God's thoughts (commands) if go to Bible - read, study, learn, know
 - **illus.: Russia, Kaluga**, people wanted copy of Bible more than anything we had to offer
 - **illus. Bible correspondents:** "How do I know God is talking to me?" or "How does God talk to us?"
 - **absolute truth revealed in God's word (Bible)** - religion, morality, life on earth and heaven
- - **Bible - Jn. 17:17** (Jesus' prayer for the apostles) word is truth
- - **Bible - 2 Tim. 2:15** (command to Timothy) accurately handling word of truth
- **therefore, we must obey God's word (truth, Jesus)**
- - **1 Pet. 1:22-23** obedience to the truth, purified your souls, born again, seed
- - **Heb. 5:9** obey Jesus, saved — **give me the Bible - I want to obey Jesus**

➤ God's word lights our path.

- **God's word lights our path.**
 - **Ps. 119:105, 130** word, lamp, light, understanding — **Give Me The Bible, vs. 3 & refrain**
 - **illus.: Allan, get up in the middle of the night, turn on a light** - not trip and fall, stub toe, step on critters
 - **cf. God's word - Satan, sin, evil**
 - **illus.: trip to Indiana, 2003**, left the house without the map, begrudgingly turned around to get the map
 - later, glad we got it, would not have made it without the map, at least without wasting a lot of time trying to find our way, making a lot of mistakes
 - **cf. God's word - get lost, make a lot of mistakes, waste your time and life**
 - **illus.: Allan, music teacher at band camp - got lost**
 - took the high school kids on a late-night hike, to scare them, after telling them scary stories - got lost
 - kept walking, finally bumped into camp counselors, who scared the kids really bad - led us out
- - **Pr. 16:25** There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.
 - **cf. God's word - light to illuminate the path of life - lost and find way to God - not stumble, fall, get hurt, go the wrong way, get lost**

➤ Using God's word to light our path, we walk in the light, saved, pleasing God — Bible — flashlight, map

- **purpose of God's word — Bible**
 - **Acts 26:18** (Jesus' commission to Paul) - when we must turn to God, we walk in light
- **Jesus (Word) is Light — Col. 1:13**
- - **Jn. 1:1-4** Jesus, Word, life, Light — Bible
- - **Jn. 8:12** Jesus Light of the world, follow, not walk in the darkness, have the Light of life (eternal)
- - **Jn. 14:6** Jesus, "the way, and the truth, and the life" (**definite article**) - to Father through Jesus (**dia**)
 - **way (path), truth (true way), life (end of path, trip)**

- **When we walk in the light of God's word, we are *lights* to the world!**
- - **illus.: (pict) moon is a light because illuminated by sun** - full moon lights the earth, see at night
 - **we are light became illuminated by the Son**
- **Jesus' disciples are lights to the world — illus.: evangelism, lead family and friends through word**
- - **Matt. 5:14-16** light of the world, city on a hill not hidden (illus.), lamp on lampstand (illus.), light shine & God glorified
- - **Phil. 2:15-16a** lights in the world, holding fast the word of life
- **Christians are sons of the Light**
- - **Jn. 12:36** believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light
- - **1 Th. 5:4-5** you are all sons of light and sons of day, not of night nor of darkness
- **therefore, we expose darkness - not participate in the evil deeds of darkness**
- - **Eph. 5:7-13** you are Light, walk as children of Light - not participate / expose - exposed by the light

- **Summary / Inv.**
 - **Summary: — Give Me The Bible**
 - **God communicates to us through His word.**
 - **God's word lights our path - saved, please Him.**
 - **When we talk in the light of God's word, we are lights to the world.**
 - **Inv.:**
 - **we'll be judged** by Jesus, as to whether we walked on the path illuminated by God's word
 - **2 Cor. 5:7, 10; Jn. 12:47**
 - **inv.:** if not walking in the light today, you can start — **God's word, Bible**