



Introduction



How we react to God's message in the Bible greatly affects our lives.

We are warned what will happen if God's message is ignored. By contrast we can have the hope of a long-term future through belief in God's plan with his special person - Jesus Christ.



Questions

1. What does Paul say people will love in the last days, instead of God?
2. What does Paul say that those who live a godly life, should expect?
3. What kind of wisdom is the Bible able to give you?



Summary Points

v 1 to 9 Timothy is warned what a godless world will be like in the last days

v 10 to 13 Timothy is encouraged to follow Paul's example of godly living and suffering

v 14 to 17 Paul encourages Timothy to continue in the way to salvation (see theme) through faith (belief) in Jesus Christ (see theme) by reading the holy Scriptures (the Bible) which are inspired by God



Themes

God's message of salvation

God's message of salvation can be thought of as the way God has decided that we can have a hope of life after death.

Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist says that forgiveness of sins is involved in salvation, when talking about John:

Luke 1 verses 76 and 77

The book of Hebrews tells us that Jesus died to put away our sins and that salvation will occur at the return of Jesus Christ:

Hebrews 9 verses 26 to 28

The apostle Paul tells Timothy that salvation comes from reading the Scriptures and having faith in the work of Jesus Christ:

2 Timothy 3 verse 15

The apostle Peter confirms that faith is involved in our salvation which we will see in the last time:

1 Peter 1 verse 5



The apostle James reminds us that our faith must be seen in action in our lives:

James 2 verses 14 to 17

The apostle Paul tells Titus that salvation is available to all:

Titus 2 verse 11

Faith (belief) in Jesus Christ

A selection of verses showing the importance of having faith (or belief) in Jesus Christ.

John says he has written so that others may believe and so have life.

John 20 verse 31

Peter stresses that there is no other way to be saved:

Acts 4 verse 12

He also tells his fellow believers that they and the Gentiles (non-Jews) are saved through the grace (unmerited favour) of Jesus Christ:

Acts 15 verse 11

We must believe in the resurrection of Jesus:

Romans 10 verse 9

We are not justified (made right with God) by what we do, but by faith in Jesus Christ:

Galatians 2 verse 16

Non-Jews (Gentiles) receive the blessing of Abraham by faith in Jesus:

Galatians 3 verse 14

Baptism is part of expressing our faith in Jesus Christ:

Galatians 3 verses 26 to 28

The apostle Paul tells Timothy that the rest of the Bible helps us learn about salvation through faith in Jesus:

2 Timothy 3 verse 15

Belief in Jesus involves obeying him and showing love to others:

1 John 3 verse 23

? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 2 and 4, Q 2: v 12, Q 3: v 15