

50 Bible Verses Everybody Should Know By Heart

The “Fantastic Four” – Part 1

What happens when Scripture is memorized and digested into our minds, consciences, and lives? The benefits accrued are amazing: Clearer thinking, an “above” perspective, healthier emotions, purer habits, better home life, improved character, more optimism, recovered identity, accurate diagnosis (that leads to the correct cure), and a filling of our hearts and lives with the greatest treasure and only hope we have in two worlds, The Lord Jesus Christ. So . . . where to begin? How about w/four verses that get to the heart of what sets the Bible and its message apart and distinguishes it from every other religion in the world?

Fantastic Four” Verse #1: GENESIS 1:1

To best get at the indicatives in this incredible, worldview-shaping, and powerful Verse, let’s ask the “5 W’s & 1 H” questions any good journalist would ask.

WHO? “GOD”, in the fullness of Who He is, as the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

WHAT? “CREATED” = the form of this verb is used ONLY with God, who created without pre-existing materials (cf Hebrews 11:3 and the argument for God’s existence in Hebrews 3:4)

WHEN? “IN THE BEGINNING”. Time is God’s creation. God has always existed in eternity. Everything else has a beginning in time.

WHERE? “THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH” = a Biblical way of saying “The Sum Total of EVERYTHING” seen and unseen.

HOW? BY HIS COMMAND (Vs 2), through the agency of His Son, Jesus, Who IS the Word! All this w/o any apparent effort!

WHY? (Gen. 2:2-3; Psm. 19:1-2; Isa. 43:7; Rom. 1:20) So we may enter into His Rest, For His Glory, and to set the stage for the drama of redemption.

3 ultimate questions this Vs answers for us . . .

The Question of ORIGINS, B/C all is FROM God. Evolution is as much about faith as believing in The Creator.

The Question of PURPOSE, B/C everything that exists exists FOR God.

The Question of HOPE, B/C only if GOD is in it all and working through it all do we even have hope. Otherwise, it’s all just random chance and accident!

Fantastic Four” Verse #2: John 1:1

This Verse begins exactly like the #1, but with additional information that “fleshes out” Verse #1 in some significant ways.

The MESSAGE of this Verse is this: JESUS is the ETERNAL WORD Who carries out the COMMANDS of God.

- ➔ He is the LIVING WORD Who is ACTIVE (always!) in CREATION (cf also Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:3).
- ➔ He is the One Who ILLUMINATES the DARKNESS (cf also Gen. 1:3; John 1:4-5; 9-10). In the Genesis account, the LIGHT shows up before the sun, moon, and stars, to show us that JESUS is ultimately THE LIGHT.
- ➔ He is the One Who ORDERS and FILLS it all. Apart from Him, all is chaos and emptiness.
- ➔ He is the one Who DISPLAYS God’s GLORY and brings about a NEW CREATION (John 1:11-13; 2 Cor. 5:17).

***** One VERY BIG, DISTINCTIVE, ULTIMATE STATEMENT THIS VERSE DECLARES *** JESUS . . . IS . . . GOD!!!**