

A Christlike Church is where the Bible is preached, loved and obeyed.

The Bible is a supernatural book, having a supernatural effect and leading to a supernatural life.

Some say it is simply a collection of writings by many men over a huge expanse of time, living in vastly differing cultures. Over 40 authors wrote over 1600 years, from shepherds to kings. Yet all give us the history and lineage of just one man, Jesus. Over 300 prophecies find their fulfilment in him. This amazing ancestry covers 4000 years and is pulled together in Matthew and Luke. How can this happen without some outside agency, some One outside of time?

The whole story unfolds right from the beginning, indeed, from the very first word.

Gen 1:1 begins with In the beginning, the one Hebrew word Beresheit

Spelt with Hebrew letters Beit, Resh, Aleph, Shin, Yod, Tav

In Hebrew letters are assigned a number (similar to a simple code we are all familiar with and have used A=1, B=2 etc)

Also a colour, a musical note, and a picture which has a meaning attached – a pictogram

Beit = house/temple

Resh = the highest/ most high

Aleph = God/ sacrifice

Shin = to destroy

Yod = hand(s)/own hand

Tav = a cross

Thus the first word of the whole Scriptures has a story encoded within – THE HOUSE OF THE MOST HIGH GOD IS DESTROYED BY HIS OWN HAND ON A CROSS

NB Jn 2:19 Jesus said “Destroy this temple and in 3 days I will raise it up” talking about his own coming crucifixion and resurrection. Also “No one takes my life. I lay it down of my own authority”

Using the pictograms, God’s own name anglicized to YHWH gives us BEHOLD THE HANDS < BEHOLD THE NAILS

Supernatural book tells us God became man, identified with us, and took sin and sickness with him into death. In complete obedience and fulfilment of that spoken by God the Father through these 40+ men over 1600 years.

If written by God we can expect it to tell the truth. Scientists of all disciplines coming to realise God knew a thing or two about this world and may even have created it. Shock horror!

1997 survey by scientific journal asked 1000 top scientists from astrophysicists to zoologists about their beliefs. Over 40% said they now believed in a personal God as they discovered more and more in their fields, realising there must be a designer behind it all. Many of those who held onto evolution theory did so, on their own admittance, because to ditch it would mean they were accountable to someone above themselves.

Job is full of scientific facts scientists are still discovering. eg the earth isn’t flat or balanced on anything, but is a sphere suspended in space. There are pathways and fountains of fresh water in the depths of the oceans. God advises avoiding eating certain animals – scavengers and processors of toxic waste. Not good for us because of waste disposal systems of the planet. Important ecologically but not for nutrition.

But Bible brings about an internal change, not just change of mind, but something deep within. Just by reading it. It exposes that which is not so good, and refines that which is good. It washes us clean by the water of the word. He sends forth his Word and heals us.

As a new Christian I found God spoke to me by flashing Scripture references across my eyes. Always pertinent.

What about death, I was asked, 1 Cor 15, all about the resurrection body.

My children quarrelling. Gal 5:15 If you keep biting and devouring each other, watch out, or you will be destroyed by each other.

As matured, words jump off the page. When I moved over here, Dt 30 leapt into my heart You'll make a new start. God will outdo himself making things go well for you.

Gave Bible to colleague – freaked her out, and threw it across the room. Convicted her of immoral behaviour!

What is God saying to you?

In these days, it appears to me that God is moving powerfully amongst his people, both Jew and gentile, to close the gap that the enemy and the world have brought about, pulling into being the One New Man. We nonJews supposed to be living supernatural lives in obedience to the Jewish scriptures in order to make the Jews jealous. We are called to be light to the Jews as they were called to be light to the gentiles. Unfulfilled prophecies tell us that in a time of great danger Israel will call on the name of their Messiah, Y'shua, our Jesus. We are wild vine ingrafted in to the true vine of Israel, not other way round. Jesus said "If you love me you will obey my commandments" was repeating God the Father in OT "If you obey my commandments I will be your God and you will be my people" This is repeated as completed fact in Rev 2-. Life of full abundance which Jesus came to give those who trust in his word is the life of full abundance Israel enjoyed when obedient in OT.

Jn 14:21 Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father and I too will love him and show myself to him. Vs 22 Judas (not Iscariot) asked "why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus replied "If ANYONE loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him and we will come to him and make our home WITH him (relationship, working together). He who does not love me will not obey my teaching" (Chilling!)

So – 4 things to bring us into line with God's will and Word. Display our worship and honour his Word, and so reflect Jesus. NOT legalism, OT, irrelevant.

1. Bless Israel. Gen 12 stands. History proves, curse Israel and be cursed. Israel is the channel God has chosen to bless us and to display his glory to world. Salvation is of the Jews. Jesus came for Israel first, then gentiles. When we bless Israel, it is for their part in our salvation. Rom 11. No one says Israel is perfect, least of all God. They are small and weak, thus is his glory displayed through the weak and foolish. But he does say to bless them and pray for the peace of Jerusalem. No one can say that prayer is unnecessary.

2. The Lord's Feasts. Not Israel's. Should celebrate at right time with right name. Passover, Shavuot/Pentecost and Tabernacles/ Succot. To call by pagan names and not nec at right time is like X and Y having birthdays at roughly the same time and us all piling into X's house to celebrate Y's birthday. Offensive, insult, not right. These feasts celebrate Jesus the Passover Lamb, the gift of eternal life by Holy Spirit and coming celebration of God dwelling amongst his people and the end and forever. BTW highly probable Jesus born at Tabernacles, not Dec 25th

How about Sabbath? Also Lord's feasts. Important because is God's clock and prophecies with time element all fulfilled to the day according to the Sabbaths. Personally,. my acknowledgment is that I don't housework or house shop on Saturday. Today no problem in Aldi! And I get 2 chilling out days.

3. Tithe. Honours God. Pleases Jimmy. Can't serve God and money. God gives us everything and requires a tithe, 10% cut. Is a blessing to tithe, is a key to more blessing. Malach 3 Money is God's and we steal from him when dson't tithe. Is not OT, unimportant or irrelevant. The one place God commands us to test his faithfulness and truthfulness. Call his bluff. Tithe is giving to God our worship and making him Lord in financial area. Give to God that which is God's. (Not giving to charity – that is alms and offerings and in addition to tithe). Tithe is thabk offeringto God in the place where you are fed with His Word. Like rightful payment for a meal ion the finest restaurant.

If we get these 3 things right in our heart and attitudes, God's power will move mightily through us and over flow to the outside. Meet the needs of the unchurched with generosity, humility and freely. People will see Jesus is Lord through us. And so to the 4th thing

We will lay hands on the sick, cast out demons and raise the dead.
Got hands? Lay them on the sick.
God heals, your hands are the contact point..

Cast out aby demons? Real. Especially Hallowe'en last night, partying amongst those who are blissfully ignorant of their reality. Seen deliverance – and been delivered. As Jesus moves in, they move out.

Raised the dead? Me neither..... but have led people to Lord and seen them raised spiritually. Timecomingwhen we'll do greaterthings than Jesus. He said so.

World is in a mess. Peopple don't want us to be like them, they looking for something different. Believing and living biblically as Jesus did is the light they are looking for, just as in days when Jesus walked earth.

Summary from 1 Jn 1:5 But if anyone obeys his words, God's love is truly made complete TO him. (trust and obey will manifest his goodness and love through us) This is how we know we are IN him (I want to identify with him because love so much – this about identification as he identified with us). Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

Here ends my notes! But then anointing to speak about "Don't be afraid. Do it. Salvation bought 2000 years ago, sins forgiven 2000 years ago; also healing. Salvation manifested to you whenever it did, in God's perfect time. Healing will ;too. Don't be afraid. "