



EXCERPT FROM *ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE*

# Why do Christians need to ready and study the bible?

The Bible is a Book which came directly from God's heart. It was His desire that we know Him and His purpose, so He gave us the Bible as our guidebook. Within the pages of the Bible, we learn about God's unconditional love for us. Once we become a follower of Christ, we look to the Bible for instruction on how to live in the world today. It corrects and exhorts us to refrain from sin and resist Satan's snares. And the Bible encourages us to do the things we know we should do—such as love others, be a servant to all, and to forgive as we have been forgiven.

As we study God's Word, we draw closer to Him and develop a deeper understanding of His love for us. Through the Holy Spirit, the Word of God illumines our understanding as we seek to know Him better. We don't have to stumble through life on our own. Answers to daily living are found within the pages of the Bible. Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Reading and studying the Bible is that light—it prepares us for life, gives us peace through the forgiveness of sin, shows us how to love God and others, and promises a future home in heaven. The Bible is God's love letter to us—we need to read it!

