

# What is God's Love Letter?

Subject: The Bible  
 Objective: To show that both Testaments are inspired and relevant. And to encourage the daily reading of God's Holy Word  
 Main Text: 2 Timothy 3:16

## Attention

1. When you are in love and your sweetheart travels to another country, there is nothing more delightful than hearing from that special someone.
2. If after two months you receive no correspondence, naturally you'll wonder why. You'll be:
  - a) Uneasy
  - b) Disturbed
  - c) Agitated
  - d) Concerned
3. But the day you receive a letter from your sweetheart, you'll rejoice. Your mind will be at ease. You'll walk and talk like a millionaire.
4. The paper might be cheap, but the cheap paper is not important. What is important are the words written on the paper.
5. However, your sweetheart can write flattering words. What is written on the paper might not be meant from the heart.
6. You can be told that you are the only one but in another country or in another city, your sweetheart can very well have someone else.
7. **BUT** I submit to you to night that this world has one true lover. This supreme lover is God and anything He says He means.
8. Therefore if you receive a love letter from God, you can be assured that He will not deceive you.
  - a) God keeps His Word
  - b) God stands by what He says
  - c) He is dependable
  - d) If He says He loves you then He loves you. **Jeremiah 31:3**

**NEED**

1. What people need today is the assurance of love. Regardless of our status, rank or caste, we need to know that someone loves us.
2. However, we must admit tonight that love is waning:
  - i. In the home
  - ii. In the society
  - iii. In the schools
  - iv. In the church
3. But there is a love that never dies, it never wanes. God does not just talk love He demonstrates love. **Romans 5:8**

**SATISFACTION**

1. To know how God feels about us we look in His Word, the Holy Bible.

**PUNCH:** I declare, therefore, that the BIBLE is God's love letter.

- i. It is not tradition
- ii. It is not the teachings of the Church Fathers
- iii. It is not the Koran

**PUNCH:** It is the BIBLE! (Lift Bible)

2. It has 66 books, written by 40 authors. And although the writings of the Bible span some 2000 years, the books are like links within a chain. They are inseparable!
3. The OT and NT do not fight each other. When OT says amen the NT says Hallelujah
4. C S Lewis says, "Put is all together, the Bible is a sacred book." Why is it sacred? **(2 Timothy 3:16)**
  - a) **Inspired!** God breathed. God inspired, man wrote!
  - b) **Profitable-Useful**
  - c) **Doctrinal-Dogma.** The teaching of the Church must be Bible based.
  - d) **Reproof and correction**-Straightens you out!
  - e) **Instruction in righteousness**-Helps us to do right!

5. The Bible has one real enemy. He hates it because it exposes him:
  - i. It calls him a serpent - (Revelation 12:9)
  - ii. It calls him a dragon - (Revelation 12:9)
  - iii. It refers to him as a liar - (John 8:44)
6. He hates it because it gives hope to the worst sinner on planet earth. He hates it because it reveals the plan of salvation.
7. John Wycliffe was burnt to the stake because of the Bible.
8. Martin Luther was condemned because he exclaimed that the “just shall live by faith.”

### **ILLUSTRATION**

A Woman was reading her Bible during the dark ages. It was forbidden. She was reading while kneading some flour. The persecutors came to her house uninvited. To save her life she had to hide the Bible. Not knowing what to do, in desperation she rammed it into the flour she was kneading. The persecutors searched and found nothing. When they left, she opened the oven, took out a loaf of bread, reached up into it and took out the living bread. One builds your muscles the other your character. One builds you physically the other builds your spiritually.

### **APPLICATION**

You can destroy the people of God but you cannot destroy the Word of God. It has stood the test of time and will continue to be the voice of God in these evil days.

1. The most exciting thing about the Bible in these closing days of our history, is that it tells us who Jesus is.
2. In Genesis, He is the creator, In Revelation, He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Use all the books in the Bible if necessary )
3. And it is clear that this book is one of transformation because it presents Christ as the life-changer.

### **ILLUSTRATION:**

Cannibals in the South Sea Islands became Christians because a preacher introduced to them the Holy Bible.

### **APPLICATION:**

The Holy Bible can change the life of anyone:

1. It has turned prostitutes into good wives.
2. Thieves into honest men.
3. Drunks into men of strong mind and character.
4. Hypocrites into cheerful saints.

## **VISUALIZATION**

### **ILLUSTRATION:**

A girl and her mother were dusting in the living and dining room. As the girl dusted the side table on which the Bible was always placed, she asked, "Mom whose this book?" The mother in a moment of nobility said, "Darling that's God's book." The girl replied, "Mom, let us give it back to God because no body here reads it."

### **APPLICATION**

If the Bible is rightly placed:

- Crimes will be less rampant
- Children will respect their parents
- The Caribbean would be drug free
- Husbands and wives will be faithful to each other
- Thieves would pay up
- Liars would shut up
- We would love one another

### **APPEAL**

Today God is calling on men and women to read His love Letter. If more people read the Holy Word of God and apply it to their lives our world would be a better place to live. Tonight the decision is yours:

1. Do you believe that reading God's Holy Word is important?
2. Do you believe that it is important that you read it daily?
3. The Bible says that blessings are available to those who read the Holy Bible. Do you believe that God will bless you if you read His word and do what He says?