

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Seven Great Things

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Introduction:

1. The Bible is often referred to as the "Good Book."
2. In reality it is the best book known to man; a great book.
3. We find it in the origin, purpose, and destiny of mankind.
4. The Bible reveals the mind of God (**I Corinthians 2:6-7**).
5. The Bible reveals many great things.
6. In this lesson we will discuss seven of the greatest things found in the Bible:

Discussion:

- I. A Great Creator (**Genesis 1:1**)
"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
- II. A Great Invitation (**Matthew 11:28-30**)
"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."
- III. A Great Confession (**Acts 8:37**)
"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God"
This sounds similar to the confession on Peter in **Matthew 16:16**.
This great confession is commanded by Jesus in **Matthew 10:32**.
- IV. A Great Salvation (**Hebrews 2:1-4**)
"Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?"
- V. A Great Commission (**Matthew 28:18-20**)
"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
- VI. A Great Responsibility (**Luke 9:23,62**)
"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. . . . No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."
- VII. A Great Reward (**II Timothy 4:6-8**)
"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."

Conclusion:

1. How do you view the Bible and its contents?
2. Have you submitted to God? Have you followed the "Good Book"?
3. Maybe it's time you surrendered to your Great Creator, by accepting the Great Invitation, making the Great Confession, following the Great Salvation, fulfilling the Great Commission, taking on the Great Responsibility, and to reach that Great Reward!