

### SERMON OUTLINE FOR DECEMBER 8, 2013

# "Why Did God Give Us The Bible?"

Romans 15:4

#### INTRODUCTION:

Too much reverence for the Bible??

#### I. IS THE BIBLE A HOLY RELIC OR LIVING WORD?

- A. It contains a message we need to hear every day (v.4)
- B. It contains a message with an immediacy about it (v.4)
- C. It contains a message by, for, and to living people (from Genesis to the Psalms to Jesus)

# II. THE BIBLE IS A LIVING ENCOUNTER BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

- A. God comes where we are to listen, to understand, to speak (v.4)
- B. It contains earth, gutsy stories with God as the reality in the middle of it all
- C. We need to get away from "over spiritualizing" the Bible, Church, our Faith

## **CONCLUSION:**

*Jesus is the key to the puzzle.* (John 20:31)