

“THE PURPOSE OF 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 earthy, gutsy stories about 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)

