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In this folder (Ramblings) are my thoughts and study results on various topics. Here you will find the results of my endeavor to *"make sure of the more important things."* (Php 1:10) And the contents of the Bible are definitely among the *"more important things."*

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Why these articles exist

We should all be trying to improve our understanding of the Bible. Several Bible verses bring out the importance of scriptural understanding. Here are some examples:

(Matthew 5:3) "Happy are those conscious of their spiritual need, since the Kingdom of the heavens belongs to them.

(Matthew 15:10) With that he called the crowd near and said to them: "Listen and get the sense of it:

(Acts 17:11) Now these were more **noble-minded** than those in Thes·sa·lo·ni'ca, for they accepted the word with the greatest eagerness of mind, **carefully examining the Scriptures** daily **to see whether these things were so.**

(Romans 12:2) stop being molded by this system of things, but be transformed by making your mind over, so that you may prove to yourselves the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

(Colossians 1:9, 10) That is also why from the day we heard of it, we have never stopped praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the accurate knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual comprehension,¹⁰ so as to walk worthily of Jehovah in order to please him fully as you go on bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the accurate knowledge of God;

(1 Timothy 2:3, 4) This is fine and acceptable in the sight of our Savior, God,⁴ whose will is that all sorts of people should be saved and come to an accurate knowledge of truth.

(1 Timothy 4:15) Ponder over these things; be absorbed in them, so that your advancement may be plainly seen by all people.

(1 Corinthians 2:15) However, the spiritual man examines all things, but he himself is not examined by any man.

(1 Corinthians 3:1, 2) So, brothers, I was not able to speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to fleshly men, as to infants in Christ. ² I fed you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet strong enough. In fact, neither are you strong enough now,

(Hebrews 5:14-6:1) But solid food belongs to mature people, to those who through use have their powers of discernment trained to distinguish both right and wrong. Therefore, now that we have moved beyond the primary doctrine about the Christ, let us press on to maturity

(Philippians 1:9, 10) And this is what I continue praying, that your love may abound still more and more with accurate knowledge and full discernment; ¹⁰ that you may **make sure** of the more important things, so that you may be flawless and not stumbling others up to the day of Christ;

Findings

If you are of the opinion that your understanding of the Bible should come from the Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses (GB), let me remind you of their own words:

[w20.01 p. 28 par. 5] They (the GB) know that Jehovah does not necessarily give anointed ones more holy spirit than he gives his other servants. They do not feel that they have a deeper understanding of Bible truths than anyone else.

[w16.01 p. 23 par. 6] They (the GB) do not claim to have special knowledge or revelations.

[w16.01 p. 20 par. 15] Jehovah's spirit works with equal force in those who have the hope of living forever on earth.

The GB acknowledge that they are not given a better understanding of the Bible, and that they are not inspired. That is why the scriptures require us to "*make sure of all things*". (1Th 5:21) We are the ones who should always "*make sure of the more important things*". (Php 1:10) We are not to rely on others to tell us what is or isn't scripturally accurate. And as my articles point out, there are many scripturally inaccurate teachings of the GB.

A Foundation of Understanding

To be able to accurately understand the message of the Bible and the prophecies within, you have to have an accurate foundation of knowledge.

You also have to understand that the Israelites (the descendents of Jacob) belong to Jehovah, but Christians belong to Christ. (Ro 1:6)

(Isaiah 43:1) Now this is what **Jehovah says**, Your Creator, O Jacob, the One who formed you, O Israel: “Do not be afraid, for I have repurchased you. I have called you by your name. **You belong to me**.”

(Mark 9:41) And whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because **you belong to Christ**, I tell you truly, he will by no means lose his reward.

(1 Corinthians 3:23) in turn **you belong to Christ**; Christ, in turn, belongs to God.

See my article: Replacement Theology

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You have to understand that Jesus' answer to the apostles question *"when will these things be?"* (Mt 24:3; Mr 13:4; Lu 21:7) was given in two non-interchangeable parts, one only referring to the destruction of Jerusalem, and the other only referring to the end times.

See my article: Jesus' Answer

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Christians have to understand that there is only one level, one stepping stone, one mediator between you and Jehovah God.

(1 Timothy 2:5) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, a man, Christ Jesus,

There is no other, nor should you allow any other, to be between you and God. No man or group of men, no corporation, organization, or company. There is only you, your mediator Christ Jesus, and Jehovah God.

See my articles:

- A Lesson Hard Learned
- Appointed by holy spirit
- Do Not
- Feed My Lambs
- Know One Thing
- Leaven
- The Governing Body
- The Holy Trinity (of worship)
- Are you in a Religious Cult - Test

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Your survival through Armageddon is not based on your obedience to any men or organization, but is based on your heart condition, and your actions resulting from that heart condition.

See my articles:

- Are You a Sheep?
- Are you unworthy?
- Are You Worshiping Jehovah Acceptably? - Expanded
- Disfellowshipping in the Early Congregations
- Faith Defined
- Love Covers
- The Preaching Work
- The Separating Process
- This Generation v2
- Who will survive Armageddon?

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Your understanding of the final governments on earth just before Armageddon, including Gog of Magog and the king of the north, will only be accurate if it harmonizes with all seven of the prophecies regarding that time period.

See my article:

- End-Time Kings

Also:

- Armageddon
- Babylon the Great
- Peace and Security v2
- Revelation Abbreviated
- The Fourth Horseman
- The Prophecy of Joel

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For my current stance on the Governing Body see the article: "Final Straw".

For more information on the GB and how Christ predicted that they will be at the end of this system of things, see my articles:

- The Governing Body
- Know One Thing

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