

# 50 Bible Verses Everybody Should Know By Heart

## The “Fantastic Four” – Part 1

What happens when Scripture is memorized and digested into our minds, consciences, and lives? The benefits accrued are amazing: Clearer thinking, an “above” perspective, healthier emotions, purer habits, better home life, improved character, more optimism, recovered identity, accurate diagnosis (that leads to the correct cure), and a filling of our hearts and lives with the greatest treasure and only hope we have in two worlds, The Lord Jesus Christ. So . . . where to begin? How about w/four verses that get to the heart of what sets the Bible and its message apart and distinguishes it from every other religion in the world?

### **Fantastic Four” Verse #1: GENESIS 1:1**

To best get at the indicatives in this incredible, worldview-shaping, and powerful Verse, let’s ask the “5 W’s & 1 H” questions any good journalist would ask.

**WHO?** “GOD”, in the fullness of Who He is, as the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**WHAT?** “CREATED” = the form of this verb is used ONLY with God, who created without pre-existing materials (cf Hebrews 11:3 and the argument for God’s existence in Hebrews 3:4)

**WHEN?** “IN THE BEGINNING”. Time is God’s creation. God has always existed in eternity. Everything else has a beginning in time.

**WHERE?** “THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH” = a Biblical way of saying “The Sum Total of EVERYTHING” seen and unseen.

**HOW?** BY HIS COMMAND (Vs 2), through the agency of His Son, Jesus, Who IS the Word! All this w/o any apparent effort!

**WHY?** (Gen. 2:2-3; Psm. 19:1-2; Isa. 43:7; Rom. 1:20) So we may enter into His Rest, For His Glory, and to set the stage for the drama of redemption.

**3 ultimate questions** this Vs answers for us . . .

*The Question of ORIGINS, B/C all is FROM God. Evolution is as much about faith as believing in The Creator.*

*The Question of PURPOSE, B/C everything that exists exists FOR God.*

*The Question of HOPE, B/C only if GOD is in it all and working through it all do we even have hope. Otherwise, it’s all just random chance and accident!*

### **Fantastic Four” Verse #2: John 1:1**

This Verse begins exactly like the #1, but with additional information that “fleshes out” Verse #1 in some significant ways.

**The MESSAGE of this Verse is this: JESUS is the ETERNAL WORD Who carries out the COMMANDS of God.**

- ➔ He is the LIVING WORD Who is ACTIVE (always!) in CREATION (cf also Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:3).
- ➔ He is the One Who ILLUMINATES the DARKNESS (cf also Gen. 1:3; John 1:4-5; 9-10). In the Genesis account, the LIGHT shows up before the sun, moon, and stars, to show us that JESUS is ultimately THE LIGHT.
- ➔ He is the One Who ORDERS and FILLS it all. Apart from Him, all is chaos and emptiness.
- ➔ He is the one Who DISPLAYS God’s GLORY and brings about a NEW CREATION (John 1:11-13; 2 Cor. 5:17).

**\*\*\* One VERY BIG, DISTINCTIVE, ULTIMATE STATEMENT THIS VERSE DECLARES \*\*\* JESUS . . . IS . . . GOD!!!**