

THE ACTS TURBULENCE

TURBULENCE (PART 4): THE IMPACT AND EMBRACE OF THE BIBLE

Nov 10, 2013 • Pastor Gregg Matte • Acts 17:1-15

▶ **The Bible impacts our _____ and our _____.**

Acts 17:1-7

▶ **The Bible has:**

1.) Credible Testimony: _____ authors say it is true over _____ times.

2 Samuel 23:2; Psalm 19:7-9, Psalm 119:43,142, & 160; John 17:17; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Corinthians 14:37; 2 Peter 3:15-16; Ephesians 2:20; Romans 3:2

2.) Solid Facts:

- Christ fulfilled over _____ biblical prophecies
- Unity – _____ authors, 66 books over _____ years, 2 languages, 3 continents and 13 countries
- Accuracy in the text: New Testament is 99.9% pure
- _____ partial or full copies of New Testament vs. 643 of Homer's *Illiad*
- Archaeology

"No archeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference. Scores of archeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible. And, by the same token, proper evaluation of Biblical descriptions has often led to amazing discoveries." -Dr. Nelson Glueck, one of the greatest modern authorities on Israeli archeology

3.) Powerful Fruit of the Bible: over _____,000,000,000,000 sold and countless lives changed

▶ **How did a book become a part of the Bible? Canonization: 397AD Council of Carthage**

1.) The test of authority – Who was the _____?

2.) The test of uniqueness – _____ of inspiration.
2 Timothy 3:16

3.) The test of _____ by the early churches – Was this book used in teaching and worship?

▶ **The Bible is to be embraced. _____ the Bible to brace for life.**

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WEEK AT A GLANCE



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DECISIONS NOV 03, 2013

For Baptism

Miguel Bernardo

Lucas Kinard

Steven Bremer

Andrea Poteet

Stephanie Duong

Ana Rice

Baptized

Scott Phillips

By Statement

Bethany Bremer

Joseph Moore

Gilbert Garza

Olivia Saavedra

From Other Fellowships

Kim Branson

Trey Poteet

Leslie Phelps



BIRTHS

- Dinesh and Monica Tenneti in the birth of their daughter Viviana



GIVING — WEEK ENDING NOV 03, 2013

MISSION 1:8 Weekly Giving \$975,564

MISSION 1:8 Weekly Goal \$609,890

MISSION 1:8 Over/(Under) for October \$365,674

Other Designated Giving \$40,720

MISSION 1:8 YTD \$28,567,148

(Giving to MISSION 1:8 is from Mar 2013-Feb 2015)



ATTENDANCE NOV 03, 2013

Life Bible Study 4,710

Mission Bible Study 554

Total Bible Study 5,264



SYMPATHIES

- Les (Deacon) and Carolyn O'Neal (Staff) in the loss of her mother, Mary Ann Wilson; Allen (Deacon) and Dana O'Neal in the loss of his grandmother; Hailey O'Neal in the loss of her great grandmother; Ken and Linda Sims in the loss of her mother; Michael Sims in the loss of his grandmother.
- Thomas and Michalene Talton in the loss of her mother, Patricia Ruth Buck.
- Angie Martin in the loss of her husband, Ronn Martin.

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