IS THE BIBLE FITTED TO MAN TODAY?

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INTRODUCTION
1. Every generation has some who think that a new revelation is needed for a new age.
2. The Bible is viewed as outdated and unable to meet the spiritual needs of the new enlightened generation.
3. The gospel is not tied to one era of time -- it is for all men until the end of the world -- Matt. 28: 18 - 20; John 12: 48; I Cor. 10:11; I Pet. 1: 25; Matt. 24:35.

I. MAN HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE THE GOSPEL WAS REVEALED
1. Man's physical nature has not changed.
   (1) Man still gets hungry, thirsty, weary, and sick.
   (2) He still needs air, sunshine, and rest.
2. Man's desires have not changed.
   (1) Man today desires food, a companion, sex and possessions...
   (2) Lust of the flesh
   (3) Lust of the eye
   (4) Pride of life
3. Man today is still tempted to fulfill his desires and passions in an unlawful way -- I John 2: 15 - 17; Gen. 3:6.
   (1) Lust of the flesh
   (2) Lust of the eye
   (3) Pride of life
4. Man still needs encouragement because of weakness -- I Thess. 5:14; Gal. 6:9; Gal. 6:2.
5. Brethren are still overtaken in sin and need to be restored -- Gal. 6:1; James 5: 19 - 20.
7. Sin has not changed -- Gal. 5: 19 - 21; I Cor. 6: 9 - 10; Rom. 1: 18 - 32.

II. THE GOSPEL IS A UNIVERSAL GOSPEL
1. The gospel is not limited in application to one race of people; it was given to every creature on God's earth -- Mk. 16: 15 - 16; Matt. 28: 19 - 20; Rom. 1: 14 - 17.
2. The same gospel is to be preached to both Jew and Gentile, Bond and Free, Male and Female -- Rom. 1: 14 - 16; Gal. 3:28.
3. The grace of God has appeared to all men -- Tit. 2: 11 - 12.

III. GOD MADE MAN, AND GOD MADE THE BIBLE
3. Man could not direct his own steps -- Jer. 10:23.

IV. THE BIBLE AND MAN
1. The Bible is adapted to man's INTELLECT:
   (1) It gives man UNDERSTANDING -- Psa. 119: 130; Eph. 3: 2 - 5; 5:17; Acts 17:11; John 8:32; Heb. 10: 26; Psa. 119: 97 - 104.
   (2) Man must be willing to understanding -- John 7:17; Matt. 13:15.
2. All the changes God desires in man is to be brought about by the Word of God and man's own response to it:
   (5) We are SANCTIFIED by the Word -- John 17:17.
(7) The Word imparts JOY -- Psa. 19:8; Phil. 4:4.

V. THE BIBLE IS FITTED TO MEET ALL THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF MAN
1. All men have sinned -- Rom. 3:23.
2. Jesus came to save the world -- John 12:47; Lk. 19:10; John 3:16.
3. He offers this salvation unto all in the gospel which He adapted unto all men -- Matt. 28:18 - 20; Mk. 16:15 - 16; Rom. 1:16.
4. The gospel contains facts, commands, and promises that can be understood:
   (1) FACTS to be believed:
       1. Christ died for our sins -- I Cor. 15:3; Heb. 1:3
       2. The body of Jesus was buried in Joseph's new tomb -- John 19: 38 - 41; Matt. 27: 60
       3. Christ arose from the grave the third day -- the first day of the week -- Luke 24: 1 - 12, 7; Rom. 1:4.
   (2) PROMISES to be enjoyed:
       1. The remission of sins -- Acts 2: 38; Mk. 16:16.
   (3) There are COMMANDS to be obeyed:
       1. One must Hear -- Rom. 10:17
       2. Believe -- Mk. 16:16; Heb. 11:6
5. The Bible meets the spiritual needs of Christians:
   (1) Twenty-two books of the New Testament -- Romans through Revelation -- are designed to strengthen and edify the Christians that he might maintain his faithfulness to Christ -- Acts 20:32; Heb. 5: 12 - 14.
   (2) Christians must observe all things commanded -- Matt. 28:20.
   (3) Here are some commandments for Christians -- Eph. 4: 25 - 32

CONCLUSION
1. The Bible is not an outdated book.
2. It is fully sufficient to satisfy the spiritual needs of all men -- II Tim. 3: 16 - 17.
3. With confidence in the Bible as God's revelation to man, let us give ourselves devotedly to the study of this inspired book.
4. Let us live our lives according to the Word of God -- I Pet. 4:2.

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