

## The Two Most Important Verses

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What if you were asked the question, “What do you think are the two most important verses in the Bible?” What would you say? I realize this is a subjective question to be sure, and the answer depends on a number of factors. It is definitely a matter of perspective. There are a number of verses you might consider.

I was recently asked to present a lesson on this question by a congregation. It really made me think. Some might say Acts 2:38 is one. Some might consider Psalm 46:10 is one. One might consider Romans 5:1 as another. Another verse to consider might be Romans 8:1. You could consider 2 Thessalonians 1:8. Obviously there are many that could qualify based on many valid thoughts. After some consideration I came up with two verses that I think might qualify.

Consider Genesis 1:1: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” I think this verse sets the stage and is the perfect introduction to the Bible. It does not try to convince one that God exists by showing evidences and other proofs. It simply states God as a fact. It presents God as the Creator of all things. It is worth mentioning this was one of Paul’s points as he was attempting to introduce the Lord as our Creator in Acts 17:22-23 to those philosophers at Mars Hill.

For my second verse, consider John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” When one considers this verse with the first verse it simply teaches what that same Creator did for man. And it is worth mentioning this thought was used by Paul as he concluded the above noted discussion at Mars Hill in Acts 17:30-31 as he referenced this same Son.

To be sure, we do need all the Scriptures, and I am not trying to diminish the rest of God’s Word. If one only had access to these two verses, they would need more information to help them pursue this Creator and the Son He gave to the world. However, if one considered these two verses in earnest, they would indeed lead to one searching for more information. I just thought it was an interesting exercise as we consider God’s glorious message to His most precious and beloved of His creations.

What do YOU think are the two most important verses in the Bible?