

The infallible Word or man’s imaginations?

The common thread of Christianity pertaining to the understanding of the Bible is that everyone who declares by faith to be born again has free access to the Holy Spirit to help them discern what it means. At the same time, we must also consider that, with human free will, each individual has the opportunity to form their own opinions.

It’s common and normal for Christians to have the confidence to voice their own interpretations, even if it’s rejected by their fellow brothers and sisters. Yes, the majority immediately condemns biblical and spiritual views that do not line up with mainstream theology as the errors of a novice or, even worse, a heretic. Multiply this among the billions of believers, and we have what is known as a divided, confused, and hostile world of religiosity.

Christians are taught that the Bible contains the infallible words of God exactly as he guided approximately 40 human writers to record them within a period of around 1500 years from Moses to the early church.

If you are a traditional Christian, most likely you embrace this doctrine that promises God personally breathed and inspired divine truth

through the minds and hands of His messengers. And it has been preserved without any alterations since the day they were written? Or do you wonder about errors, embellishments, personal worldviews and opinions mixed in between the lines?

When it comes to believing the Bible as perfect truth versus seeing the writings as religious philosophy and folklore, to be honest, I’ve come to a point in my walk that I’m tired of arguing with other Christians about Biblical interpretations.

When I was a young student, I thought I could win any debate about Christianity and religion, and like most of you, I’ve always believed my views were correct. However, we cannot change someone’s mind about their doctrines and creeds unless these two things are involved: The Holy Spirit is intervening and the truth seeker is sincerely praying that God will transform their conscience by the renewing of their minds.

People rarely change what they believe because their opinions and convictions are rooted deep within the core of their being. Have you ever argued with someone about the Bible and finally had to agree to disagree? This not only includes the

angry discord between traditional Christians, but in today’s modern world we now have a growing movement called the agnostic theist.

This is someone who believes in God but sees the Bible as a collection of passed-down, exaggerated oral stories and personal biased philosophies that are not necessarily based on proven facts. This way of thinking allows for belief in the perfect God of creation while maintaining skepticism about legalistic dogma and the exclusive “my way or the highway” attitudes and demands from dictatorial churches.

These are the seekers that have way more questions than answers, and have separated from those who they consider are afraid to use their intelligence and realize that much of the content is not literally accurate. They refuse to accept a compilation of ancient religious dialogues, visions, and stories from human writers as divine revelation simply by faith.

Many are asking: “Is the Bible God’s word top man, or man’s word about God?” If God’s word is infallible and the Holy Spirit gives each follower perfect understanding, explanations, and interpretations, why why is there so much arrogance, antagonism and caustic attitudes? If God is broadcasting, evidently many are on the wrong channel. Agnostic

theism emphasizes prayer and personal experiences with God rather than becoming entangled in the chaos of intolerant churchianity. This is not to be confused with secular agnosticism that does not believe in the existence of any God, along with the supernatural being unknown and unknowable.

Traditional followers argue that if portions of the Bible are not correct, how can anyone know what is true? For example, if someone is convinced there is no possible way the story of Noah and the Ark actually happened, then what else has been embellished or even fabricated? Does it matter that accuracy and credibility may have been lost through years of oral storytelling?

Some may believe they can put their trust in God and live for Him without trusting the scriptures, but if the Bible is truly God’s perfect word, it is the most important communication from God to mankind the world has ever known.

If every word is God-breathed, we must cherish it, obey it, and trust it. If the written Word IS God, and we dismiss it as inaccurate, isn’t this doubting God Himself.

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The storms of life

If you are ever caught in a severe storm while out in the open, the National Weather Service advises one to do a few things.

First, seek a low area. Get in a ditch or valley if you can. Secondly, crouch down, squat low and tuck your head down. Third, don’t lie down flat. One doesn’t want to increase their surface area to potential lightning strikes.

Clearly, trying to have low, smaller profile will provide for maximum safety.

What about when we are caught in life’s storms? It might also be a good idea to assume a low posture.

David, in the Psalms, often speaks of problems and difficulties in life. In Psalm 34, David talks about how blessed a man is who takes refuge in the Lord (vs. 8). We should be humble and recognize our place before the Lord. “The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit” (vs. 18). We should speak truth, not evil and deceit (vs. 13). We should seek after peace and pursue it (vs. 14).

There is a great contrast given between the righteous and the evildoer. God wants to help those who are relying upon Him. “The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the memory of them from the earth” (vs. 15-16). Peter quotes from Psalm 34:12-16 in I Peter 3:10-12 when he talks about the kind of godly life the Christian should live.

The storms of life may bring us much adversity and try to sweep us off our feet. By being humble and relying on God, we can survive and thrive even amongst these trials.

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers him out of them all” (vs. 19). Will you rely upon Him, even when times are difficult?



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cessful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder shall execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate the judgment bears from the date of sale until paid. In the event the successful bidder is the Plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit the Plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the judgment amount. The purchaser shall be responsible for ad valorem taxes due in the year 2026 and future years. The property will be sold subject to easements and restrictions of record and, if applicable, the right of redemption of the Defendant property owner(s) or the United States of America. The sale may be canceled and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. The successful bidder has 10 days after the sale to examine title and file exceptions, if appropriate. The Master Commissioner does not have a key to or access to the inside of any property, does not have authority to grant anyone access to the property and does not warrant title. This 10th day of September, 2026.

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Plaintiff: Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Defendants: Diana M. Day et al
Property Address: 309 W. 14th Street, Benton, KY
PVA Map No.: 0B-08-05-070
Approximate Judgment Amount: \$102,572.01

Case No. 26-CI-00005
Plaintiff: Kar Tax Lien Portfolio, LLC
Defendants: Shanrah D. Evans et al
Property Address: 394 Holland Road, Benton, KY
PVA Map No.: 64-00-00-023
Approximate Judgment Amount: \$5,972.64

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Property Address: 173 Park-view Manor Drive, Gilbertsville, KY
PVA Map No.: 70-0D-06-009.00M00
Approximate Judgment Amount: \$44,668.62

Case No. 25-CI-00381
Plaintiff: Newrez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Defendants: Ryan P. Neal et al
Property Address: 2728 Big Bear Hwy., Benton, KY
PVA Map No.: 71-00-00-002.01
Approximate Judgment Amount: \$106,820.45

Case No. 23-CI-00085
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Property Address: 2866 Murray Highway, Benton, KY
PVA Map No.: 49-00-00-124.01
Approximate Judgment Amount: \$77,766.54

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 52.02, WATER METER REQUIRED, OF THE CITY OF BENTON’S CODE OF ORDINANCES.” This Ordinance is summarized as an Ordinance amending Chapter 52.02, Water Meter Required, of the City of Benton’s Code of Ordinances to regulate the number of water meters required for multiple residences under extraordinary circumstances or approved by the Benton Planning and Zoning Commission. A complete copy of this ordinance is available for viewing at Benton City Hall during regular business hours.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct summary of an Ordinance adopted by the City of Benton on September 8, 2026.

Rob Mattingly, City Attorney

Notice of Intention to Mine Noncoal Minerals Pursuant to Application Number 073-9613 ORG

In accordance with 405 KAR 5:032, Section 21, notice is hereby given Q & Sons LLC, 1096 Needmore Road, Calvert City, KY 42029 intends to apply for a non-coal surface mining permit (sand and gravel) affecting 4.18 acres located approximately 1.4 miles North and East of Palma community in Marshall County.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.3 miles west along Littlejohn Lane from its intersection KY State Route 95. The latitude is 37° 58’ 39.3” N, the longitude is 88° 21’ 44.9” W.

The proposed operation is located on the Briensburg U.S.G.S. 7 ½ minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the pit method of mining. The surface area is owned by Russel T. Riley.

The application will be on file for the public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Frankfort Office, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Written comments, objections, or request for a permit conference must be filed with Director, Division of Mine Reclamation & Enforcement, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, within 15 days of the date of this advertisement and briefly summarize the issues to be raised at the conference.

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BENTON, KY 42025
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8/26/2026 DAVID NORWOOD, 3679 OLD OLIVE ROAD BENTON KY 42025 IS APPOINTED EXECUTOR FOR THE ESTATE OF JAMES NORWOOD, 3504 OLD OLIVE ROAD BENTON KY 42025.
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251 LAKESHORE DRIVE GILBERTSVILLE KY 42044 IS APPOINTED EXECUTOR FOR THE ESTATE OF JOAN GRIMM, 251 LAKESHORE DRIVE GILBERTSVILLE KY 42044. ATTORNEY ROBERT PRINCE, PO BOX 466 BENTON KY 42025. THE FOLLOWING FIDUCIARY ESTATES HAVE FILED FINAL SETTLEMENTS. THE SETTLEMENTS MAY BE RE-

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