

Scripture on the other side and you say, Which of these will you choose? I'll choose John 3:16 absolutely. There are people who have wonderful things from the Bible and have neglected that which is most important part. But God does not want us to make this division. He does not want us to take either part. He wants us to understand the Bible as a whole, not just a few verses, not just a few great truths or a few simple things. It is all important! And it is all necessary. It is ~~all~~ necessary for God's people through the ages. But God wrote a book that was intended for all of His ~~own~~ people through all the long ages. Naturally there are parts of that Bible that are very precious and very vital in certain periods of the world's history, in certain situations. Something will happen in your life and you will find a part of the Bible ~~that~~ that never had ~~must~~ impact for you before, that just suddenly takes on a real meaning and just fits and is tremendously important to you. If you had studied that part before, it comes to your mind, it is not as though you had to hunt for it. It is there, but it just hits you with the force God intended it to have. But at other times you read that ~~IX~~ and it is just words. You get some ideas but it does not have any great impact on you. Both from the viewpoint of impact and from the viewpoint of giving knowledge and understanding, all the Bible was written for all of God's people but it was written for them through the course of the ages, and so many parts will have particular significance now and other parts may seem to have more particular significance next year. And the parts that do not have so much significance for us may be harder for us to understand, but they are worth trying to understand. God wants us to try to understand as much of His Bible as we can.