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## Why Write?

Not every person is comfortable to write their thoughts on a piece of paper, a journal, diary, or for publication. Writing can expose the innermost feelings of an individual and, unlike preaching or public speaking, it can not be a "slip of the tongue". But then, why write? (referring ONLY to biblical writings).

"The Lord said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book..."
(Exodus 17:14). God meant for Moses' writings concerning Amalek to be a part of history and be remembered as God opposes those who stand against Him. Exodus 17:16 says, "Because the Lord hath sworn that the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation." Amalek represented those who stand against God and deny His sovereignty and divinity.

Moses was also commanded to write concerning curses (Numbers 5:23), men's names (Numbers 17:2), the words of the law (Deuteronomy 27:8), and a sure covenant (Nehemiah 9:38). In addition, God inspired writers of old to write of "Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph" which testified of the coming of the Messiah (John 1:45).

Paul spoke of writing in this manner: "...that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood" (Acts 15:20). He was speaking concerning writing instructions which were to be remembered and adhered to as well as warnings unto the children of God of how they were to live righteously before the Lord (I Corinthians 4:14). In II Corinthians 2:9 Paul wrote, "For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things."

Paul told young Timothy in II Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:..." The writers of today, as touching the things of God, are not Moses, David, or Isaiah; nor are any of us Luke, John or Paul. However, the reason we write is found in II Peter 3:1-2, "...beloved, I now

write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:..."

We write because of the love we have of the one in which we write about; Jesus Christ, the son of the living God. We write to share the good news of the gospel of Christ. And, we write as John did in I John 1:4, "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full." We pray the writings we all have privy to will bring joy to your life, instruction and correction where needed, and peace and comfort to your soul. Finally, please cast an amount of charity over our mistakes, for the errors are ours, and the truths belong to God. "*Think About IT*"