



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“The Bible, you have to read it, to believe it.”

Better Together

The organization that I work for, decided to buy two other businesses and combine them with the facility where I am employed. During this merger, the slogan was “Better Together”. They placed that message on every wall, every correspondence, and on every product box. I am surprised they did not tattoo it on our arms. Now, several years later, very few will say it was better together.

There was another “Better Together” event that happened in my home town of York Pa. During the Revolutionary War, the Second Continental Congress met in York September 30, 1777 to June 27, 1778. During that time, the Articles of Confederation were drafted and adopted. Even though “The Declaration of Independence” was proclaimed on July 4, 1776. this was the first document that defined the role of a central government and the responsibilities of the States to that government. It had thirteen articles. The first was defining the confederation name as “The United States of America”. (Thus, York’s claim to being the first capital of the United States.) It is interesting that the eleventh article stated: “If Canada accedes to this confederation, it will be admitted.” The document stipulated that its provisions “shall be inviolably observed by every state” and that “the Union shall be perpetual”. Now over 240 years, most will agree this was “Better Together”. Reference: [Wikipedia Articles of Confederation](#)

Another “Better Together” is the Bible. There are 66 books (1,189 chapters) in the mostly accepted Protestant Bible written by 40 authors between 1450 BC and 100 AD. The Bible has been translated into 2,932 languages and there are 58 English versions. Since 1815, there has been about 6 billion copies printed. It has been and is the most read and talked about book. (We have 10 copies in our house.)

The Old Testament is based on the Hebrew Bible. There is no scholarly consensus as to when the Hebrew Bible canon was agreed on. During the Protestant Reformation, the Apocrypha books in the OT were removed by many because they saw them as being in conflict with the rest of Scripture. The New Testament coming together was started with the collection of Apostle’s letters by the early churches. Over the years, books were added and removed by different groups to the NT. Then In 1604, King James I of England authorized that a new translation of the Bible be put into English for the common person to read. For centuries, this King James Version, was the standard for English-speaking Protestants. (See my on-line paper about my thoughts on [KJV Only, Well Almost.](#))

I enjoy reading the Bible. It is more than just a story book. It reveals how the world was created and how it will end. It explains the meaning of life and life after death. It details what and why there is evil and that every man is born with a sinful nature. Then through God’s Son Jesus Christ, a changed life and salvation is possible. It is my best friend. It shows me how to live. It brings me comfort and hope in the time of need. Every time I read it, I discover something new. God speaks to me through it. I can truthfully say that having all those books in one Bible is “Better Together”.



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“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Heb 4:12



I stand alone on the Word of God. The B.i.b.l.e.

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