

Sustenance, not seasoning

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What's the Bible for? We asked dozens of writers to respond to this question in seven words or less, as well as to expand on their response in a few sentences. To see all of the responses together as they are posted, bookmark this [page](#).

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Having given up on the project of biblical literacy, and having embraced Robert's Rules as the new fundamentalism, many denominations find their national gatherings hamstrung by old requirements that a resolution on a major issue be presented with some kind of biblical basis. As one who is proud of the prophetic witness of my church and our "be it resolved" statements, I cringe to see scripture used as a condiment, sprinkled on a dish already cooked. The Bible is revolutionary. The church without it becomes a club for "resolutionaries" who would rather vote on our own already enlightened views than do our reading homework before class.