

Our Source of Authority Is the Bible

2 Timothy 3:16-17

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 1 Peter 3:15

Six Reasons the Bible is the Truth

1. Claims that are _____

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe. 1 Thessalonians 2:13

2. The Bible is _____ Accurate.

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“In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— Luke 3:1

3. Remarkable _____

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Thread of continuity through the Bible across

- 66 Books—39 Old Testament, 27 in the New
- 3 languages, Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic
- 3 Continents—Africa, Asia and Europe
- 40 different authors over 1500 years—and 60 generations

***The consistent theme of the Bible is,
God and man being reconciled through Jesus Christ.***

“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? Psalm 42:1-2

4. Indestructibility

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“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. Mark 13:31

Textual Criticism and Manuscript

Work	Written	Earliest Copy	Time Lapse	Copies Found
Aristotle’s Poetics	343 BC	1100 AD	1400 years	5 copies
Caesar’s Gaelic Wars	58-50 BC	900 AD	950 years	5 copies
The New Testament	40-100 AD	130 AD partials 350 AD full	30-310 years	20,000+ copies

5. Scientific and Accuracy

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“He spreads out the northern skies over empty space; he suspends the earth over nothing. Job 26:7

“He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. Isaiah 40:22

“I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, Genesis 26:4

They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. Mark 8:22

He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man’s eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, “Do you see anything?” Mark 8:23

*He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. **Mark 8:24-25***

*And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. **2 Peter 1:19***

*Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. **2 Peter 1:20-21***

6. The Bible is True for _____.

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I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book.

Revelation 22:18

And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

Revelation 22:19

*Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. **John 20:30***

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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