

We Believe in the Bible

Psalm 19:7

God's revelation to humanity

- Creation
- Conscience
- Christ

***The Bible is the inerrant
Word of God.***

*The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul. The statutes of
the Lord are trustworthy, making
wise the simple. Psalm 19:7*

*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

*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***

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- Psalmist, All Scripture is perfect.
- Paul, None of it came from the mind of man.
- Peter, the Scripture is directly from God.

The Bible has amazing continuity and agreement.

It gives God's uniform message and purpose.

- 66 Books
- 40 different authors

- Written over a period of 1500 years
- From 3 different continents
- 3 different languages

I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Matthew 5:18

The Bible is absolutely reliable as a source of revelation from God from beginning to end.

1. Jesus' testimony gives credibility to the Bible.

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. **John 17:17**

“The Bible is trustworthy as far as it reveals Jesus.”

- We know of Jesus because of the Bible.
- If the Bible is not trustworthy in other areas, how do we know it can be trusted with Jesus?
- It is not possible to have an imperfect Bible, but a perfect Jesus who saves us.

What did Jesus say about the Bible?

- If He is the Lord and Savior of our lives, what He has to say is truth.

Jesus refers to the creation of man as an actual account.

“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’

Matthew 19:4

What did Jesus say about the Bible?

- Jesus mentions the murder of Abel as literal.
—Matthew 23:35
- Jesus refers to the days of Noah and the ark as real and even as a time with which He was familiar. —Matthew 24:37-38
- Jesus talks about Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob authoritatively.
—Matthew 8:11

*Remember Lot's wife! Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. **Luke 17:32-33***

*Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. **John 3:14-15***

Jesus identified Moses as the author of the Pentateuch.

*“But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. **John 5:45***

*If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?” **John 5:46-47***

Jesus references the Old Testament

- David eating the shew bread on the Sabbath —Matthew 12:3-4
- Queen of Sheeba visiting Solomon —Matthew 12:42
- The healing of Naaman the leper —Luke 4:27

Jesus used Jonah as a sign referring to His death resurrection.

Jonah was a real person.

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Matthew 12:40

What did Jesus say about the Bible?

- Jesus said the Scripture cannot be broken. —John 10:35
- Jesus promised after He died, the Holy Spirit would come and guide them into all truth. —John 14:26

2. We believe the Bible is true because of the evidence of history.

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Three tests to determine the historical accuracy of any document.

- The biographical test —How the text of a document is still known
- The internal test —Does the document contradict itself?
- The external test —Does other historical material confirm or deny the internal testimony?

The Bible reveals scientific truth

Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? **Isaiah 40:21**

He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

Isaiah 40:22

The Bible reveals scientific truth

- The life is in the blood—
Leviticus 17:11
- Sea currents in the ocean—
Psalm 8:8

3. We believe the Bible is true because of verified prophecies of Jesus.

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Messianic Prophecies of Jesus

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| ■ Born in Bethlehem | ■ Crucified between thieves |
| ■ Descendant of David | ■ Cast lots for his garments |
| ■ Born of a virgin | ■ Spit in his face |
| ■ Grow up in Nazareth | ■ Buried in a rich |

- Neither man or animal to live there —Jeremiah 51:62
- Dry desert land covered by the sea —Jeremiah 51:42

4. We believe the Bible is true because of the evidence of changed lives.

The Bible is absolutely reliable as a source of revelation from God from beginning to end.

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. **Hebrews 4:13**

*The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul.*

*The statutes of the Lord are
trustworthy, making wise the
simple. **Psalm 19:7***

*The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.*

*The commands of the Lord are
radiant, giving light to the eyes.*

Psalm 19:8

Three final statements about God's Word.

1. The Bible is God's Word.
Believe it.
2. The Bible is the Word of God.
Read it.
3. The Bible is God's Word. Obey
it.

*Do not merely listen to the word,
and so deceive yourselves. Do
what it says. **James 1:22***