

To Tell the Truth – The Truth of God’s Word Is the Bible Really God’s Word?

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

1 Peter 1:23-25 For you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For, “ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, 25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.” And this is the word which was preached to you.

1 Peter 1:12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.

1. Why do _____ the Bible is the Word of God?

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Psalms 19:7-11 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. ⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. ¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. ¹¹ By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted *it* not *as* the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

2 Peter 3:16 “He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.”

2. How do _____ the Bible is the Word of God?

- **The testimony of the _____.**
 - 1) The Bible refers to itself as the Word of God.
 - 2) The Jewish people accepted the OT as the Word of God before Christ was born.
 - 3) Peter referred to Paul’s writings as Scripture and the communication of the Gospel as the Word of God.
 - 4) Paul referred to his writing as the Word of God
 - 5) The early church (1st & 2nd Century) accepted the 4 Gospels as the Word of God as well as most of what we know as the NT

- **The _____ of the Bible**

“Even though the Bible is really sixty-six individual books, written on three continents, in three different languages, over a period of approximately 1500 years, by more than 40 authors who came from many walks of life, the Bible remains one unified book from beginning to end without contradiction.”

2 Peter 1:21 No prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

- **The _____ of the Bible**

- Scholars estimate that over 26% of the Bible consists of prophetic statements.
- Over 300 Messianic prophecies

- **The _____ of the Bible**

Dr. Nelson Glueck “It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference. Scores of archaeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or exact detail historical statements in the Bible. And, by the same token, proper evaluation of Biblical description has often led to amazing discoveries.”

- **The _____ of the Bible**

3. **What _____ does this conclusion make in our lives?**

2 Timothy 3:14-17 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, 15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

- **The Bible is always your source for _____ and your _____ for life.**

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Psalms 119:105 “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

- **The Bible is your main means for coming _____ and His plans for your life.**

2 Timothy 3:15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

- **The Bible will _____ you for life and eternity.**

2 Timothy 3:17 So that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.