



Is it True? - Part 1
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Philippians 4:8 *“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”*

1. The _____ of the Bible

- The Bible was written over a span of _____ years, by _____ writers
- Historians and archaeologists have repeatedly _____ its authenticity

The Bible has a tremendous amount of historical detail, so not everything mentioned in it has yet been found through archaeology. However, _____ one archaeological find has _____ with what the Bible records.

Luke, author of the book of Acts, names thirty-two countries, fifty-four cities and nine islands _____ an _____.

- The _____ of the original manuscripts

2. The Bible as a _____ Word

Cornelius Tacitus (A.D. 55-120), an historian of first-century Rome: “The Roman emperor Nero inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class...called _____. ...Christus [Christ], from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus....”

- The Bible not only inspires us, it _____ life and God to us

- The Bible _____ God’s spirit and how it works in our lives
- It shows us how to _____ with purpose and compassion
- Teaches us how to _____ to others
- Encourages us to _____ on God for strength, direction, and enjoy his love for us
- The Bible also tells us how we can have _____ life

3. Is it _____?

- a. If it’s true, why do people still _____ what it says?

1 Corinthians 2:14 *“The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.”*

The Word of God reveals the _____ of God on _____.

We know that the Scriptures are the word of God because in their true meaning we _____ the self-authenticating glory of God.

- b. If it’s true, how do _____ prove it?

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

The truth of God’s word is _____ when God’s people _____ it out.

Hebrews 4:12-13 *“For the word of God is alive 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.”* ¹³ *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.”*