

1 – THE BIBLE IS THE INFALLIBLE WORD OF GOD

1A – God Himself is the Author of the Bible.

The Bible is God's message to you. It is the highest authority that man has to govern him in all matters of faith and practice. It is not for the church to decide what the Scriptures teach, but rather it is the Scriptures that decide what the church should teach. Because God is unchanging, truth and righteousness are not relative to conditions and circumstances. God's Word stands absolute and infallible because He is. You must fully believe and obey it all.

EXODUS 24:12

24:12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

DEUTERONOMY 6:6–9

6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

6:7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

6:8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

6:9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

PSALMS 19:7–10

19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

19:8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

19:9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

HEBREWS 4:12

4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

EXODUS 24

¹² the LORD will give 3 different things

¹² "teach them," referring to Israel not the law or commandments

DEUTERONOMY 6

⁷ the phrase "teach them diligently" comes from a Hebrew word that refers to sharpening arrows

PSALMS 19

¹⁰ More to be desired are they [law of the LORD, testimony of the LORD, statutes of the LORD, commandment of the LORD, fear of the LORD, judgments of the LORD]...

¹⁰ gold x 2

HEBREWS 4

¹² quick – meaning "alive" or "lively"

¹² twoedged sword – the "gladius" was the double-edged sword used by Roman soldiers to conquer the empire

1B – Men wrote the words of the Bible as they were divinely inspired by God.

To write the Bible, God used about forty men over a period of about 1600 years. He moved upon these men to write His words accurately. The phrase, "given by inspiration of God," comes from a Greek word meaning, "God-breathed." Not unlike how you breathe in order to talk, the Scriptures are the result of divine breath. In a way, these holy men served as God's vocal chords.

EXODUS 34:27

34:27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.

DEUTERONOMY 27:3

27:3 And thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over, that thou mayest go in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey; as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee.

JOSHUA 24:26

24:26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

1 SAMUEL 10:25

10:25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

EXODUS 34

²⁷ these would be the second set of tablets, the first set having been broken by Moses; see Exodus 32:19

JOSHUA 24

²⁶ as Moses had done, Joshua preserved the law for the next generation

SAMUEL 10

²⁵ Samuel x 2

²⁵ manner of the kingdom – the rights and duties of the kingship

²⁵ Samuel did 4 different things

ISAIAH 30:8

30:8 Now go, write it before them in a **table**, and **note** it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever:

JEREMIAH 30:1-2

30:1 The word that came to **Jeremiah** from the LORD, saying,

30:2 Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.

LUKE 1:1-3

1:1 Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a **declaration** of those things which are most surely believed among us,

1:2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were **eyewitnesses**, and ministers of the word;

1:3 It **seemed** good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent **Theophilus**,

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

3:16 All scripture is given by **inspiration** of God, and is **profitable** for doctrine, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction** in righteousness:

3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, **thoroughly furnished** unto all good works.

HEBREWS 1:1

1:1 God, who at **sundry** times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 PETER 1:20-21

1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any **private** interpretation.

1:21 For the **prophecy** came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were **moved** by the Holy Ghost.

ISAIAH 30

⁸ a table...a book – referring to a tablet and a scroll

LUKE 1

¹⁻³ this introduction is in the style of the Greco-Roman world of the time

²⁻³ it seemed good to me – having received the account of Jesus from others, Luke was compelled to pass it forward

³ Theophilus – likely a member of the Roman elite and Luke's patron who financially supported his writing

2 TIMOTHY 3

¹⁶ profitable for 4 different things

HEBREWS 1

¹ sundry times – God spoke many times, but piece by piece each time

2 PETER 1

²¹ moved – describes how wind presses into a ship's sails to propel it forward; see Acts 27:17

1C – The Bible is without error. It is the Word of salvation and will be true and useful forever.

The Bible is infallible, meaning that it cannot fail or be false to the slightest degree. Every word, promise, and prophecy has been or will be true. Man's knowledge constantly grows and adapts to new understandings. Were the Bible a result of man's efforts alone, it would be full of ridiculous ideas that by now would have been proven false. Yet it remains true and unchanged because it is the Word of God, as pure, powerful, and able to save as It has ever been.

PSALMS 12:6

12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver **tried** in a **furnace** of earth, **purified seven** times.

PSALMS 119:9

119:9 **Wherewithal** shall a young man cleanse his way? by **taking** heed **thereto** according to thy word.

PSALMS 119:89

119:89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is **settled** in heaven.

PSALMS 119:105

119:105 Thy word is a **lamp** unto my **feet**, and a light unto my **path**.

Psalms 119:130

119:130 The **entrance** of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

PROVERBS 30:5

30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a **shield** unto them that put their trust in him.

ISAIAH 40:8

40:8 The **grass withereth**, the **flower fadeth**: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

LUKE 21:33

21:33 **Heaven** and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

PSALMS 119

⁹ of the verses of Psalms in our study, this is the only one to contain a question

ISAIAH 40

⁸ Peter quotes this verse in 1 Peter 1:24-25

Notes:

JOHN 15:3

15:3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

JOHN 17:17

17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

JOHN 20:30-31

20:30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

ROMANS 1:16

1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

ROMANS 15:4

15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:11

10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

HEBREWS 4:12

4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

1 PETER 1:25

1:25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

2 PETER 1:19

1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

JOHN 17

¹⁷ truth x 2

ROMANS 1

¹⁶ not ashamed – *Paul was not disappointed in nor embarrassed by the gospel*

ROMANS 15

⁴ comfort – *in this context, often translated as “encouragement”*

1 PETER 1

²⁵ Peter quotes from Isaiah 40:8

2 PETER 1

¹⁹ day star – *or morning star, literally the planet Venus, which often appears just before dawn; Jesus called Himself the “bright and morning star” in Revelation 22:16*

Notes:

1D – The Word of God is food for our soul.

Men and women are both physical and spiritual; and just as your body must have food to be nourished and grow, so your spirit requires the Word of God to be healthy and strong. It is true that “you are what you eat.” You can’t eat candy meal after meal, day after day and expect to be healthy. Neither can you allow your spirit to ingest the “junk food” of this world and expect to be strong spiritually. You need to eat daily of the wholesome Word of God.

DEUTERONOMY 8:3

8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

JOB 23:12

23:12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

PSALMS 119:103

119:103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

JEREMIAH 15:16

15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

MATTHEW 4:4

4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

1 PETER 2:2

2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

DEUTERONOMY 8

³ Jesus quoted this scripture to the devil; see Matthew 4:4

JOB 23

¹² 2 different body parts

PSALMS 119

¹⁰³ only verse of study to contain 2 exclamations

MATTHEW 4

⁴ by resisting the temptation to rely on anything but God, Jesus succeeded where Israel in the wilderness had failed