



# IS THE BIBLE REALLY TRUE?

## *Evidence That We Can Trust The Bible As The Actual Word Of God*

Beyond just “having faith” that the Bible is God’s Word, and therefore, trustworthy for guiding our lives, is there other hard evidence that proves it is true?

### >>>>How The Scriptures Describe The Bible<<<<

<b>2 Timothy 3:16-17</b>	<b>Inspired By God.</b> <sup>16</sup> All Scripture <i>is</i> given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
<b>2 Peter 1:21</b>	<b>Led By The Holy Spirit.</b> <sup>21</sup> for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God <i>spoke as they were</i> moved by the Holy Spirit.
<b>John 1:1</b>	<b>The Word <u>is</u> God.</b> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

### INDEPENDENT SOURCES SUPPORT SCRIPTURE AS BEING TRUE AND ACCURATE

<b>Available Manuscripts.</b> #2 Work Of Antiquity - The Iliad By Homer: <u>1827 Manuscripts and Scrolls</u> --- #1 The New Testament: <u>66,420 Manuscripts and Scrolls.</u>
<b>Archeological &amp; Historical Verifications.</b> Archeological finds with the actual House of David, cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, the Tower of Babel, and many others. Alignment of historical records of people, cities, and events
<b>Canon Process For Selecting Passages For Use.</b> A broad spectrum of Christian Leadership was involved in the process. <b>5 acceptance factors required:</b> 1) Was the book written by a prophet of God? 2) Was the writer confirmed by acts of God? 3) Did the message tell the truth about God? 4) Does it come with the power of God? 5) Was it accepted by the people of God?
<b>Errors Claimed By Skeptics.</b> Thousands of variations noted by critics – 99% of which are easily explained as spelling or word order differences. None of the remaining 1% affects the central teaching of Christian doctrine and practices. (Making copies of manuscripts took years, and was a special responsibility that was closely supervised.)
<b>Remarkable Cohesiveness Of The Core Messaging and Doctrine.</b> 66 Books written by 40 different authors over a timespan of nearly 1500 years (Genesis – 1400 BC through Revelation – 90 AD.)
<b>Prophecies About Christ Fulfilled.</b> Hundreds of Old Testament prophecies referenced about Christ were fulfilled in the New Testament.
<b>Eyewitnesses Supported Accuracy.</b> The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) and Paul’s Epistles were written and shared during the lifetimes of people that were there. Any inaccuracies would have been openly challenged and not accepted.
<b>Who Would Agree To Die For A Lie?</b> Some people will do anything for money, but 11 of the 12 disciples were executed for their faith. (John passed away while in exiled on the island of Patmos)

### >>>>What Is In It For Me?<<<<

<b>Joshua 1:8</b>	<b>Success.</b> <sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.
<b>Psalms 1:2-3</b>	<b>Prosperity.</b> But his delight <i>is</i> in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.
<b>Jeremiah 15:16</b>	<b>Joy.</b> Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.



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<b>Psalms 119:105</b>	<b>Guidance.</b> Your word <i>is</i> a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.
<b>1 John 2:14</b>	<b>Victory.</b> I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him <i>who is</i> from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.
<b>Matthew 24:35</b>	<b>Your “Forever” Language.</b> <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

**What About You?** Do you believe that the Bible is the very Word of God? If so, what are some things you feel you need to begin doing to make the scriptures a more integral part of your day?

## ASKING GOD FOR SALVATION....A SINNER’S PRAYER

**Pray the prayer below, FROM YOUR HEART, and you will be saved.**

Heavenly Father, I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son, and that He died on the cross to save me from my sin. I believe that He rose again to life, and that He invites me to live forever with Him in heaven as part of Your family. Because of what Jesus has done, I ask You to forgive me of my sin and give me eternal life. I invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust Jesus as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord. Help me to live in a way that pleases and honors You. Amen.