

“THE BIBLE IS GOD’S WORD”

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If I believe the Bible is truly from God, it will totally change my thinking and my behavior

LET’S GET STARTED

Every correct belief a Christian can hold rests upon the conviction that the Bible is true. What you believe about the Bible impacts all of your other beliefs, so, as you examine your beliefs, you must begin with how you view God’s book.

LET’S HEAR THE WORD

2 Timothy 3:16-17—¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:20-21—²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. ²¹ 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.

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God’s revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

—*The Baptist Faith and Message*, 2000, I. The Scriptures.

Quotable

If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself.

—Augustine

Some read [the Bible] to prove a pre-adopted creed, Thus understanding little that they read; And every passage in the book they bend To make it suit that all-important end.

—W. S. Crowdy

If you would like to know more

Seven Reasons Why You Can Trust the Bible, by Erwin W. Lutzer (Moody Press) 1998.

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How do I know if I really believe the Bible is God’s Word?

- Do I love to _____ and _____ it?

Psalm 119:97-103—⁹⁷Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. ⁹⁸Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me. ⁹⁹I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. ¹⁰⁰I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts. ¹⁰¹I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word. ¹⁰²I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me. ¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

- Am I willing to _____ to it when it contradicts my thinking?

Acts 18:24-26—²⁴Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. ²⁵He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.

- Do I _____ its commands and teachings?

James 1:22-25—²²Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

²³Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

LET’S LIVE IT

We can apply the truths we’ve seen today by resolving that, through the Holy Spirit’s enablement, we will trust, learn, and obey everything God has said in the Bible.

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