

I KNOW THAT THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (August 11, 2024)

The starting place in Christian growth: To have a firm conviction about the inspiration and authority of the Bible

Humanity’s three problems: Sin, sorrow, and death

God-given life manual to solve the problems: The Bible

Why is this so important to have a firm conviction about the inspiration and authority of the Bible?

- Our salvation depends on understanding the gospel message of the Bible.
- Our assurance depends on resting in the truth of the Bible.
- Our spiritual growth depends on living by the principles of the Bible.
- Our power in witness depends on the confidence we have in the Word of God.

John 10:27

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

6 REASONS WHY WE KNOW THAT THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD

The Bible is shown to be the Word of God:

1. BECAUSE OF ITS S_____ A_____

(1) The Earth Is Suspended in Space.

7 God stretches the northern sky over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing. **Job 26:7**

16 All Scripture is inspired by God... **2 Timothy 3:16a**

(2) The Earth Is Round, Not Flat.

22 God sits above the circle of the earth. The people below seem like grasshoppers to him! He spreads out the heavens like a curtain and makes his tent from them. **Isaiah 40:22**

21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. **2 Peter 1:21**

34 That night two people will be asleep in one bed; one will be taken, the other left.
35 Two women will be grinding flour together at the mill; one will be taken, the other left.
36 Two men will be working in the field; one will be taken, the other left. **Luke 17:34-36**

(3) The Stars Cannot Be Counted.

22 And as the stars of the sky cannot be counted and the sand on the seashore cannot be measured, so I will multiply the descendants of my servant David and the Levites who minister before me. **Jeremiah 33:22**

(4) The Blood Circulates through the Body.

14 For it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life. Therefore I said to the children of Israel, ‘You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off.’ **Leviticus 17:14**

2. BECAUSE OF ITS H_____ A_____

16 I am told that you can give interpretations and solve difficult problems. If you can read these words and tell me their meaning, you will be clothed in purple robes of royal honor, and you will have a gold chain placed around your neck. You will become the third highest ruler in the kingdom. **Daniel 5:16**

3. BECAUSE OF ITS WONDERFUL U_____

The Bible has one theme—redemption; The Bible has one hero—the Lord Jesus; The Bible has one villain—the devil; The Bible has one purpose—the glory of God!

4. BECAUSE OF ITS F_____ P_____

Prophecies about the Messiah: Micah 5:2 fulfilled in Matthew 2:1–5; Isaiah 7, Isaiah 9, and Isaiah 53 about Christ; Psalm 22 about the crucifixion of Christ; 53:9–12, fulfilled as recorded in Matthew 27; Zechariah 11:12, fulfilled as in Matthew 26:15.

56 But this is all happening to fulfill the words of the prophets as recorded in the Scriptures... **Matthew 26:56a**

5. BECAUSE OF ITS E_____ - L_____ Q_____

24 As the Scriptures say, People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades. 25 But the word of the Lord remains forever. And that word is the Good News that was preached to you. **1 Peter 1:24–25**

21 “And this is my covenant with them,” says the LORD. “My Spirit will not leave them, and neither will these words I have given you. They will be on your lips and on the lips of your children and your children’s children forever. I, the LORD, have spoken!” **Isaiah 59:21**

6. BECAUSE OF ITS T_____ P_____

16 For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes - the Jew first and also the Gentile. **Romans 1:16**

12 For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. **Hebrews 4:12**

It is saving for the sinner; It is sweet for the saint ;It is sufficient for the sufferer; It is satisfying to the scholar. I know that the Bible is the Word of God!

Questions for discussion

1. What one or two observations from nature most astound you with their enormity, their complexity, their mystery, or their consistency? How do these speak to you of God’s creative power and wisdom and the truth revealed about Him in Scripture?
2. What would be different about the Bible if it were comprised exclusively of teaching, commands, and instructions? Why do you think God chose to frame so much of His Word in the historical contexts and happenings of its day?
3. What have you come to understand about the Word of God in the past few months and years that you didn’t know before? What do you still wish you knew? How are you keeping your heart open and available for Him to show you more?

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- () Membership 101
- () Maturity 201
- () Ministry 301
- () Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- () Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- () Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- () How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- () I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- () I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.
