



The Word of God

Living Large in the Bad Lands

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CAN I TRUST THE BIBLE?

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- **66 books (39 Old Testament and 27 New Testament)**
- **Approximately 40 authors**
- **Written over 1500 years in 3 languages and on 3 continents**
- **Over 5800 Greek New Testament Manuscripts**
- **99% of these copies align, only minor differences that don't affect doctrine**
- **The Bible is one story from and about God**

How did Jesus view Scripture?

John 10:35: “Scripture cannot be broken.”

Matthew 24:35: “Heaven and Earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

Mark 7:8: “You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

Scripture is *Inspired*

2 Timothy 3:16: “All Scripture is **God breathed** and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

Scripture is *Authoritative*

Hebrews 4:11-12: “For the word of God is **living** and **active**, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

Scripture is *Sufficient*

2 Timothy 3:14-15: “But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how you have been acquainted with **the Sacred Writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.**”

Taking Scripture's Lead

- **The response to godlessness is continuing in the sound teaching of Scripture (2 Tim 3:1-17)**
- **The response to unrighteousness is holding to the words and traditions of the Apostles (2 Thess 2:11-15)**
- **The response to a false gospel is holding on to THE Gospel (Gal 1:8-2:5)**

What is Sound Doctrine?

- **There is One God (Deuteronomy 6:4). He exists as Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19)**
- **Jesus Christ is God and Man (Philippians 2:5-11)**
- **Christ died and rose on the third day (1 Corinthians 15:1-3)**
- **Salvation is by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:1-10)**
- **Repent and be Baptised (Acts 2:38)**
- **Christ will return to judge the living and the dead (Acts 17:31)**

The Holy Spirit...

- Leads us into all truth (John 16:13)
- Testifies with our spirits telling us we are children of God (Romans 8:16)
- Helps us to discern false spirits and prophets (1 John 3:1-3)

What am I looking for in a Christian leader/teacher?

- **Does the person exult Jesus Christ as our Great God and Saviour? (Titus 2:13)**
- **Does the person have a high view of Scripture? (Psalm 119)**
- **Is the person committed to upholding the teaching of the Law, Prophets and Apostles? (Ephesians 2:20)**

How do I know who to trust?

Who are some people in your life who can disciple you?

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“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1)

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