

**TRUTHS WE LIVE BY (1)**

**About the Bible**

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*"We believe the scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the verbally inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of people, and the only ultimate authority for all Christian belief and practice."*

◆ What we believe

1. "We believe the scriptures"

Revelation: God has chosen to \_\_\_\_\_ truth to His creation that we \_\_\_\_\_ have known without His speaking.

**Natural**

**Special**

C _____ & C _____ Necessary for A _____	P _____ & S _____ (both attested in the B _____) Necessary for S _____
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Ps 19 / Rom 1,2 / Heb 1:1,2

2. "both Old and New Testaments"

Canonicity: a l \_\_\_\_\_ of the 66 books that are a \_\_\_\_\_ as the true word of God. A canon was necessitated by h \_\_\_\_\_ writings and by p \_\_\_\_\_.

2Pet 3:15,16

3. "to be the verbally inspired Word of God"

Inspiration: how God used h \_\_\_\_\_ writers to produce something that can be called G \_\_\_\_\_ word.

Theories

D _____ of every word through passive secretaries	S _____ of the very words in a divine-human cooperation	C _____ with writers free to make errors in words
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Too much God

Too much man

2Pet 1:20,21 / 2Tim 3:16 / Mt 5:18 / Mt 4:4

4. "without error in the original writings"

Inerrancy: the Bible has no l \_\_\_\_\_ or m \_\_\_\_\_, and therefore is worthy of our full c \_\_\_\_\_.

Prov 30:5,6 / Jo 10:35

F.F. Bruce; *The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?*

5. "the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of people"

Sufficiency: the Bible is a \_\_\_\_\_ to bring you to salvation.

2Tim 3:15 / Ja 1:18 / Heb 4:12 / 2Tim 3:17 / 2Pet 1:3,4

6. "and the only ultimate authority for all Christian belief and practice."

Authority: (the doctrine of s \_\_\_\_\_ s \_\_\_\_\_, or scripture only) wherever the Bible speaks, its word is f \_\_\_\_\_; where it does not speak, we must not dare to be a \_\_\_\_\_ and make a weighty law.

Levels of authority

Indisputable, direct statements	More than one interpretation is feasible	Speculation when the Bible is unclear or silent
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Complete authority

Limited authority

No authority

Requires: careful i \_\_\_\_\_ (sane hermeneutics), humble r \_\_\_\_\_ for differing views, and the i \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit.

John 14:26

## ◆ Why we believe

1. Were the writers themselves c\_\_\_\_\_ to be truthful witnesses? Eye-witnesses? Thoughtful researchers? Is there any evidence that they told the t\_\_\_\_\_?

2. Does the Bible c\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to verifiable f\_\_\_\_\_ of history, geography, customs, and language?

3. Do the p\_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible actually take place as prophesied?

(See *More Evidence That Demands a Verdict*, by Josh McDowell)

## ◆ Why we believe

1. The Bible gives you great e\_\_\_\_\_.

*Romans 15:4*

2. Becoming P\_\_\_\_\_ of the B\_\_\_\_\_.

## ◆ What YOU believe

1. What do YOU believe about the Bible personally that you l\_\_\_\_\_ by and will gladly d\_\_\_\_\_ for?

2. Do you accept the Bible's p\_\_\_\_\_ of you?

*Hebrews 4:12,13*

3. Do you i\_\_\_\_\_ yourself in the Bible?

*S-O-A-P — Eph 5:26*

S = S\_\_\_\_\_ it

O = O\_\_\_\_\_ it

A = A\_\_\_\_\_ it

*2Tim 3:16,17 "equipped for every good work"*

P = P\_\_\_\_\_ it