

## **YOU CAN TRUST THE BIBLE**

**2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17**

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**We have confidence in God, because God gave us His Word – the Bible!**

**Some questions we might have about the Bible.**

### **1) Why did God give us the Bible?**

**\*God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.**

**\*God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ His Plan.**

**\*God wants us to choose \_\_\_\_\_!**

**\*For those who choose \_\_\_\_\_, God demands \_\_\_\_\_!**

### **2) How did we get the Bible?**

2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21, 1 Corinthians 2:12-13, Exodus 17:14, 34:27,  
Jeremiah 30:2, Habakkuk 2:2, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, Galatians 1:11-12

**\*God \_\_\_\_\_ to communicate His Word.**

### **3) Can we trust what we have today?**

Isaiah 40:8, 1 Peter 1:24-25, Psalm 119:89, 12:6-7, Matthew 24:35, 1 Peter 1:24-25,  
Deuteronomy 17:18-19, Proverbs 25:1 – Dead Sea Scrolls

**\*God not only gave us His Word, He has \_\_\_\_\_ His word.**

### **4) What does God want us to do with His Word?**

Romans 10:17, James 1:19, 1 Timothy 4:13, Revelation 1:3, 2 Timothy 2:15, Acts  
17:11, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, James 1:22, John 14:15, Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:2, 119:11,  
119:105, Deuteronomy 6:6-7, 2 Timothy 2:2, Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Timothy 4:2,  
Hebrews 4:12

**\* \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!**

**\*Allow the Word of God to \_\_\_\_\_ us!**

## **5) AN UNDENIABLE FACT – THE CENTRAL MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE IS JESUS!**

**The Bible is not merely a book telling us about God— it is God's revelation showing us who He is and calling us to respond to Him.**

**We can trust God because we can trust His Word. God gave us the Bible because He wants us to know Him, understand His plan, know His love, and know how we can be saved through Jesus Christ.**

## Study Notes – August 23, 2026

\*\*\*\*\* Take some time to get to know the History of God's Word (The Bible)

**THE BIBLE DID NOT APPEAR IN A DAY.** God worked through many people, over many centuries, to give us His Word. The Bible is **inspired by God** and faithfully preserved for His people.

**GOD IS REVEALED HIS WORD** - God revealed Himself and His truth through prophets, apostles, and ultimately through Jesus Christ. – **GOD WANTS US TO KNOW HIM!** The Old Testament was written primarily in **Hebrew** (with some Aramaic). The New Testament was written in **Greek**.

**THE OLD TESTAMENT WAS PRESERVED** - By the time of Jesus, the books of what Christians call the Old Testament were already being treated as Scripture. Jesus and the apostles repeatedly quoted the Old Testament as God's Word. Jesus referred to **“the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms”** (Luke 24:44).

**THE NEW TESTAMENT WAS WRITTEN AFTER JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION**, the apostles preached and taught about Christ. Eventually, their teaching was written down. The New Testament contains **27 books**: - The early churches recognized the writings of the apostles and those closely connected with them as authoritative.

**THE BIBLE WE HAVE TODAY** - The original manuscripts have not survived. Instead, God preserved His Word through **thousands of handwritten copies and manuscripts**. These manuscripts were carefully compared by scholars so that modern Bible translations could faithfully communicate the original text.

**(In your study consider) Manuscripts → Textual comparison → Translation → Modern Bible**

\*\*\*\*\*The printing press later made it possible for the Bible to be reproduced and distributed on a massive scale.\*\*\*\*\*

**WHY ARE THE PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC BIBLES DIFFERENT?** - The disagreement concerns which Jewish writings should be considered part of the Old Testament canon. The Protestant Reformers rejected these additional books as part of the Old Testament canon, though they did not necessarily consider them worthless or historically useless.

**WHICH BIBLE SHOULD WE TRUST?** Our confidence ultimately rests **not in a particular English translation, denomination, or printing**, but in **God and His Word**. There are differences between translations because translators must bring ancient Hebrew and Greek words into modern languages. But the central message of Scripture has been remarkably preserved:

**God created us.    God loves us.    Sin separated us from God.  
God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us.    Jesus died and rose again.  
God calls us to believe in Christ.    Jesus is coming again.**

**“The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.”  
— Isaiah 40:8**