

# **The Authority of the Bible**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. We find out who Jesus is and what He wants us to do from the Bible.
- B. Two things that the work of the ministry is build off of - that Jesus is the Son of God and that the Bible is the authority.
- C. The Bible is a library and it is holy because it is inspired by the Spirit and helps man live holy lives. (John 6:63)

## II. Key verses: 2 Timothy 3:14-17.

- A. The central theme: all Scripture is given by inspiration of God.
  - 1. This means Scripture is breathed by God. (2 Peter 1:21)
  - 2. It teaches truths that men could never discover.
  - 3. “Thus says the LORD...” It is what God says. (Isaiah 38:5)
  - 4. It is the supreme authority. (Psalm 119:189)
- B. A battle has raged throughout history over the Scriptures.
  - 1. Jehoacim, the Apostle John, John Wycliffe, William Tyndale and others all were involved in scenarios where the Scripture was at the center of the Bible. (Jeremiah 36, Revelation 1:7)
  - 2. Satan tries to hinder man by preventing them from getting to it.

## III. Why the Bible is true.

- A. Objective facts.
  - 1. The Bible is consistent with itself.
  - 2. Its events are consistent with history.
  - 3. Its events are consistent with life. (Proverbs 3:5)
- B. Subjective experience. (2 Timothy 3:16)
  - 1. It is not the Bible that saves, Christ does. But the Bible leads one to Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

2. The Bible points out where we are wrong and where we need to be corrected. (1 John 2:6)

3. It equips us for every good work. There is power in the Word because God backs it. (Ephesians 6:18, Jeremiah 23:29, Ecclesiastes 11:9)

C. The testimony of others, particularly Jesus Christ.

1. We believe because of those from whom we learned it.

2. Knowing Jesus is enough - no one could have invented Jesus.

3. Ezra made up his mind to seek the Lord through the Word of God. (Ezra 7:10, Isaiah 49:6)

a. One way to do this is through Bible study.

b. Another way is Scripture memory.

c. Obedience must be added to grow and to gain further light.

d. When you seek it and do it then you can teach it. (Colossians 3:16)

IV. Conclusion: our purpose should be to share God's Word.

**Application questions.**

1. Why is the Scripture so important? Can it save? Explain.

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2. How would you counsel someone who is having doubts about the Bible?

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3. What can you do this week to better or begin your personal Scripture memory program?

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