

**Are the Christian Scriptures
Actually God's Word(s)?**

Game Time!

Where did it come from?

Scripture or not?!

#1 Yes or No?

“For behold, this is written for the intent that you believe that, you will believe this also; and if you believe this you will know concerning your fathers and also the marvelous work which were wrought by the power of God among them.”

#1 NO!

This comes from the Book of Mormon, *Mormon 7:9*. It is teaching if we accept the bible, we ought to accept the Book of Mormon, also

#2 Yes or No?

“For we labor diligently to write, to persuade our children and also our brethren to believe in Christ and to be reconciled to God; for we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all we can do.”

#2 NO!

This also comes from the Book of Mormon, *2 Nephi 25:23*. The key phrase is, “after all we can do,” in the quote. This is works based righteousness, in the Mormon doctrine

#3 Yes or No?

“For by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not of your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

#3 Yes!

This is Ephesians 2:8-9! Paul's encouragement of God's grace despite our fallenness in sin and corruption (Eph. 2:1-7)

#4 Yes or No?

“Have you any hope that they will be true to you when a party of them used to listen to the word of God then used it to change it, after they had understood it, knowingly?”

#4 No!

This comes from the Qur'an, *Juz 1:75*. This is Qur'an's teaching regarding the supposed corruption of the Christian Scriptures, both Old and New Testament.

#5 Yes or No?

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world.”

#5 Yes!

This passage comes from Hebrews 1:1-2. It is the author's introduction to the letter to the church by telling us how God communicated to us through the prophets, then in Christ

#6 Yes or No?

“Peter said to Mary, ‘sister, we know that the Savior loved you more than any other woman. Tell us the words of the Savior that you now, but which we haven’t heard.’”

#6 No!

This comes from the supposed
“Gospel of Mary” in non-canonical papyrus
that are said to be part of the “Complete
Gospel.”

Two Key Scripture Passages:

- 2 Timothy 3:16

- 2 Peter 1:17-21

How do we know that the Bible is the correct “Word” from God?

- Islam and Mormonism both claim that their books are the final “Word” from God
- Other religions have “writings” but they are not in the same vain as the claim of scripture

The question must be asked of all Christians:

- How do you know the bible is God's Word?
- What do you think of the Bible?
- Can we know that God has spoken and has spoken consistently?

Why is it important to know if God has truly spoken?

- 1 Corinthians 15:12-20.

If God has not spoken, we not only are wasting our time but also our sense of hope in this life.

Yet, Paul's words are correct!

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What Will We Study Through Wednesdays? *The Doctrine of Scripture and Revelation!*

- *How we got “the Bible”*
- *The Attributes of Scripture*
- *The Necessity of Scripture*
- *The Necessity of God’s “Revelation”*
- *And more!*

