

**The Bible is the Word of God****It is impossible to know God without knowing the Bible**

The Word of God is living! Active! Powerful!

It will speak to you! will guide you! Protect you! Empower you!

Guards you against temptation! Renews your mind! Builds your faith.

Shows you heavenly riches! Shows you God's promises! Gives you identity!

Speaks absolute TRUTH and Truth Set free

**Bible Basics****1. The Bible is the inspired Word of God**

- A. **2 Tim 3:16** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- B. What does it mean for scripture to be God-breathed? It means that scripture was given the breath of God (Same as with Adam; God breathed His spirit into the Bible, that's why it's alive and powerful)

**2. The Bible was inspired by God, but God used man to write it.**

- A. 2 Peter 1:21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as *they were moved by the Holy Spirit*
  - A collection of 66 different books.
  - Written in three languages (Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic)
  - Across three continents.
  - Over a 1,500-year period of time
  - By 40 different authors. Shepherds/farmers/tentmakers/doctors/fishermen/priests/prophets/kings
  - It's a collection of poems, prophecies, letters, laws, stories, and biographies, written by people but inspired by God.
  - The whole bible tells one unified story that **reveals to us** the Love of God, God's plan of Salvation, and our need for a savior (Jesus)

**3. They are infallible (never wrong).**

- Psalms 12:6 The words of the Lord *are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times.*
- The sequence and accuracy of the word of God are impressive, especially when concerning prophecies.
- There are over 300 prophecies fulfilled in Jesus

**4. They must be received as the Word of God**

- **1 Thessalonians 2:13** For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively
- For scripture to work in us, we must believe and receive it as the **word of God**.
- It will not work in us if we receive it as the words of man and not the Word of God.

**5. Revelation of the word of God comes from God/Holy Spirit**

- A. Luke 24:44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

1. This passage and many others let us know that the revelation of the Word of God and the comprehension of His Word come through revelation from God.
2. This is a prayer we need to make

**6. Scripture is Profitable for many things**

**A. 2 Timothy 3:15-17** and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1. Scripture is profitable for the following
  - a. Wisdom for Salvation
  - b. Profitable for doctrine, reproof, and correction
  - c. Instructs for righteousness ( right living before God)
  - d. Equips us for every good work
  - e. Completes us
  - f. Given by God

His Word is sufficient. Everything needed for Salvation is revealed in the Word of God. Nothing needs to be added, and nothing needs to be taken away.

Calvary Chapel encourages everyone to read the Word of God daily