

**Give Me a Reason to Trust the Bible**  
**2 Tim 3:14-17, John 5:4, Mark 16:9-19**  
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Give me a reason to believe the Bible is trustworthy:

- There is no motivation for the 40+ different authors across 3 continents over 1500 years to lie.
- There is no self-preservation, self-gain, or self-pleasure to be seen.
- The 40+ different authors across 3 continents over 1500 years gave the same synergistic testimony about God.
- All of the stains and blemishes of God's people, as well as the heroes in the Bible, were not removed or edited.
- It has the most manuscripts, literally by a mile, of any other ancient document.
- The time between an event in the New Testament and the written report of it in scripture is so early that myths could not arise.
- The Dead Sea Scrolls prove that the ancient manuscripts and the new manuscripts contain virtually the same text. Therefore, our Bibles do too.
- Archeology.
- Biblical prophecy showcases a supernatural element to scripture.
- Biblical scribes took their job extremely seriously. Some even counted every letter and word to ensure they copied it all down correctly.
- The development of the canon tells us the early church knew what was from God and what wasn't.
- The Church fathers would have brought correction to any false teachings/deceptions/myths that would have arisen.
- Geography, plant life, and even names all fit within the time frame and area within every era of scripture.
- Non-Christian history corresponds with the Bible at an alarming rate.
- Errors within Bible manuscripts are insignificant to the greater truth and overall narrative and don't disprove them or bring them into question.
- The power to bring change, joy, freedom, blessing, healing, and any and all things good bears 100s of millions, if not billions, of testimonies throughout the centuries.
- The Bible has the power no other book has because the Bible is unlike any book ever written.

“Even though (the Bible) is an ancient document, every person in every situation in every society that's ever existed can find in this book things that endure forever. Here's a book that never needs another edition. It never needs to be edited, never has to be updated, is never out of date or obsolete. It speaks to us as pointedly and directly as it ever has to anyone in any century since it was written. It's so pure that it lasts forever.” —John MacArthur