

# Fundamentals of the Faith

## *The Doctrine of the Bible*

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### Foundational Questions

- What separates Biblical Christianity from other religions?
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- What core beliefs are worth defending at all costs?
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- How do these beliefs affect daily Christian living?
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### I. The Bible – Our Authority

#### Key Question:

Does the Bible *contain* the Word of God, or **is** it the Word of God?

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### II. God Is Knowable

#### A. General Revelation

- God reveals Himself through creation
- Reveals God as Creator and man as accountable

📖 Psalm 19:1–6

📖 Romans 1:18–20

#### Notes:

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## B. Special (Specific) Revelation

- God reveals Himself personally
- Through Jesus Christ (the Living Word)
- Through Scripture (the Written Word)

📖 Hebrews 1:1–2

**Notes:**

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## III. The Inspiration of Scripture

### Definition:

All Scripture is **God-breathed** and authored by God through human writers

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- Verbal, plenary inspiration (every word, fully inspired)
- Inspiration refers to the **text**, not the talent of the writer
- The Bible does not *contain* God's Word — it **is** God's Word

📖 2 Timothy 3:16–17

📖 2 Peter 1:20–21

**Notes:**

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## IV. The Inerrancy of Scripture

### Definition:

The original manuscripts of Scripture are completely true and trustworthy

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📖 Isaiah 45:19

📖 Titus 1:2

📖 Hebrews 6:18

📖 John 17:17

**Notes:**

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## V. The Preservation of Scripture

- God preserves His Word for all generations
- God's truth is not lost over time

📖 Matthew 24:35

📖 Luke 21:33

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## VI. Why This Matters

- If the Bible is inspired → we must **read it**
- If the Bible is inerrant → we must **trust it**
- If the Bible is preserved → we must **obey it**

**Personal Application:**

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## Closing Truth

**What separates Biblical Christianity from all other religions:**

👉 *God has spoken — and His Word is final.*

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