

# Fundamentals of the Faith

*The Doctrine of the Bible*

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## Foundational Questions

- What separates Biblical Christianity from other religions?
- What core beliefs are worth defending at all costs?
- 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

**Notes:**

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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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