

Fundamentals of the Faith

Part 2 - The Bible

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Key Foundational Questions

1. What separates us from other religions?

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2. What core beliefs are worth defending at all cost?

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3. How do these core beliefs apply to our daily lives?

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I. The Bible

A. Do All Churches Hold the Same View of Scripture?

- Do all churches have the same view of Scripture?
- Does the Bible contain God's Word or is it God's Word?

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B. God Is Personal and Knowable — How Do We Know Him?

General Revelation

God reveals Himself through creation.

Psalm 19:1–6; Romans 1:18–20

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Special (Specific) Revelation

God reveals Himself personally through Christ and Scripture.

Hebrews 1:1–2

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C. Importance of Our View of Scripture

- What we believe about Scripture shapes all doctrine.
- God desires not only to be known but followed.
- Following Him is made possible through His Word.

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II. Three Essential Truths About Scripture

A. Inspiration — Scripture Is God-Breathed

- Scripture is verbally and fully inspired.
- Human writers were guided by God.
- Scripture does not merely contain God's Word—it is God's Word.

Key Scriptures:

1 Timothy 5:18; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:20–21; Matthew 5:18

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B. Inerrancy — Scripture Is True

- Scripture is completely trustworthy.
- God cannot lie.

Key Scriptures:

Isaiah 45:19; Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18; John 17:17

Notes:

C. Preservation — God Preserves His Word

- God preserves His Word through all generations.

Key Scriptures:

Matthew 24:35; Luke 21:33; Deuteronomy 4:2

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D. Authority — Scripture Governs Believers

Scripture is the authority for life and doctrine.

Key Scriptures:

Deuteronomy 30:2; Psalm 119; Isaiah 40:8;

1 Peter 1:23–25; James 2:8–11;

Matthew 4:4; John 10:35; Mark 12:24

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E. Scripture Above Tradition and Culture

- Scripture stands above traditions and culture.

- Believers must obey Scripture, not merely believe it.

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F. Scripture's Role in Daily Life

God's Word:

- Guides us — Psalm 119:105
- Corrects us — 2 Timothy 3:16–17
- Gives assurance — 1 John 5:11–12
- Calms fear — Matthew 6:34
- Gives wisdom — Proverbs
- Reveals God — Psalm 139; John 3:16
- Gives hope — Romans 8:28; 1 Peter 1:3
- Transforms life

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III. Concluding Challenge

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

Would evidence show that Scripture has authority in your life?

Notes / Personal Response:
