

Is the Bible Reliable?

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

—Isaiah 40:8 (ESV)

1. The Bible is **UNIQUE**

“The phrase, “Thus says the Lord,” or its equivalent, occurs more than 2,000 times in the Old Testament.”

—Bill Bright

Facts about the Bible:

66 books, 40 authors, written from 1500BC to 100AD, 3 different languages.

2. The Bible is **HISTORICALLY** Accurate (It is true to the past)

3. The Bible is **PROPHETICALLY** Accurate

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

—Luke 24:44 (ESV)

4. The Bible is **JESUS** Approved

“Jesus believed that the Old Testament was divinely inspired, the veritable Word of God. He said, ‘the Scripture cannot be broken’ (John 10:35). He referred to Scripture as ‘the commandment of God’ (Matthew 15:3) and as the ‘Word of God’ (Mark 7:13).”

—Josh McDowell

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

—John 14:26 (ESV)

1. ELEVATE it

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

—2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)

2. ENGAGE it

7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; 8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

—Psalm 19:7-10 (ESV)

3. ACT on it

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

—James 1:22 (ESV)