

The Bible (Part 2)

*This God his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. Psalm 18:30*

Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Proverbs 30:5

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. John 17:17

We believe the Bible is our highest authority.

The Inerrancy of Scripture:

When we, the church, use the term inerrant we mean that scripture always tells the truth. It does not affirm anything that is contrary to fact.

God the Father by His very nature cannot lie. (Numbers 23:19; 1 Samuel 15:29; Psalm 119:160; Proverbs 12:22; Hebrews 6:18)

The Spirit is at work within God's people fulfilling His purpose. (John 14:26, 16:13)

Jesus claimed the inerrancy of God's Word. (John 17:17)

Multiple writers in scripture testify that scripture is without error. (Numbers 23:19; Psalm 12:6, 18:30, 119:89; Proverbs 30:5; Matthew 24:35)

Those in the church who seek to challenge the inerrancy of God's Word face some difficult challenges.

We cannot claim scripture to be God breathed and NOT inerrant; if we do, we call God a liar.

If we claim God's Word is NOT inerrant, how do we know what parts of the Bible to believe?

If we do NOT believe God's Word to be inerrant then we become the final authority on truth.

There is no ultimate Biblical truth without recognizing the inerrancy of God's Word.

The Authority of Scripture:

Primary arguments for the authority of scripture:

Jesus is the Word. (John 1:1-4, 14)

Jesus confirmed the authority of scripture. (Matthew 4:4-7,10 , 5:17-20, 19:4-6, 26:31, 52-54; Luke 4:16-21, 16:17, 18:31-33, 22:37, 24:25-27, 45-47; John 10:35-38)

Jesus confirmed the authority of the apostles. (Matthew 16:16-20, 28:16-20; Acts 1:8)

The apostles affirm this authority (2 Peter 3:2; 1 Corinthians 2:9, 13, 14:37)

God can only speak truth (Numbers 23:19; 1 Samuel 15:29, Psalm 119:160; Proverbs 12:22; Hebrews 6:18)

God's word written under God's authority:

“Thus says the Lord” (Jeremiah 23:16)

God's word spoken by the prophets (Deuteronomy 18:18-20; 1 Kings 14:18, 16:12; Jeremiah 37:2; Zechariah 7:7, 12)

God's word claiming God's authority (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21; Matthew 1:22, 4:4, 19:5; Acts 1:16; Acts 2:16-17)

The work of the Holy Spirit (John 10:27; 1 Corinthians 2:13-14)

Secondary arguments:

Historically accurate

Internally consistent

Prophecies fulfilled

No higher authority

Jesus confirms that God's Word is truth. (John 17:17)

Jesus does not use the word “true”, but “truth.” God's Word is not only true, it is THE truth. God's Word is the final authority. It is truth.

The Importance of Scripture:

It is the revelation of the Gospel. (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23-26, 6:23; Romans 10:13-17; 1 Timothy 2:5-6)

It is our guide in sanctification.(Deuteronomy 32:47; Psalm 119:105; Matthew 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12)

It reveals God's will. (Deuteronomy 29:29; Psalm 119:1; 1 John 5:3)