

Fundamentals of the Christian Faith

The Bible Lesson 2 Various Scripture Texts

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Fundamental Doctrines of the Christian Faith

- ▶ Foundational truths for Trinity Bible Church
- ▶ Expository preaching and teaching for faith and practice
- ▶ The Bible – the only guide for the believer and the Church
 - Follow the clear teaching of Scripture
 - Be cautious where Scripture is not clear – avoid distractions
- ▶ What is the Bible and where did it come from?

Is the Bible the Word of God?

- ▶ We believe it to be so, . . . but cannot prove it.
- ▶ How can I know that the Bible is the Word of God?
Answer: Because it says so.
- ▶ How can I know that what the Bible says is true?
Answer: Because it is the Word of God.
- ▶ Can we prove that the Bible is the Word of God?
 - Dramatic miraculous events?
 - Resurrections in our day?
- ▶ Luke 16:19-31 – The rich man’s request and the answer.
- ▶ Why doesn’t God provide “better” evidence?

The Just Shall Live by Faith

- ▶ Faith is essential and humanly impossible
- ▶ Faith is the gift of God
- ▶ Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom 10:17)
- ▶ No man may boast before God (1 Cor 2:27-31)
- ▶ The foolishness of the cross (1 Cor 1:18-25; 2:1-5)

Lesson Plan – The Bible

- ▶ How did we get our Bibles?
- ▶ Does the Bible claim to be the Word of God?
- ▶ Why do we need the Bible?
- ▶ How can anyone understand the Word of God?
- ▶ What does all this say about Christian ministry and witness?

TBC Doctrinal Statement on the Bible

- ▶ The doctrinal position of Trinity Bible Church:
 - A strong emphasis on God
 - A strong emphasis on Scripture
 - A strong emphasis on Salvation
- ▶ The Bible: We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, inerrant in the original manuscripts, infallible, and the sole authority on matters of faith and holiness.

How Did We Get Our Bibles?

Authors of the Bible

Book	Author
Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Moses
Joshua Judges Ruth 1 & 2 Samuel 1 & 2 Kings	Unknown
1 & 2 Chronicles Ezra	Ezra
Nehemiah	Nehemiah
Esther Job	Unknown
Psalms	Various David: 73 Asaph: 12 Sons of Korah: 11 Solomon: 2 Moses: 1 Ethan: 1 Heman: 1 (with Korah) Unknown: 50
Proverbs	Various Solomon: 29 Agur: 1 Lemuel: 1
Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon	Solomon

Isaiah	Isaiah
Jeremiah Lamentations	Jeremiah
Ezekiel	Ezekiel
Daniel	Daniel
Hosea	Hosea
Joel	Joel
Amos	Amos
Obadiah	Obadiah
Jonah	Jonah
Micah	Micah
Nahum	Nahum
Habakkuk	Habakkuk
Zephaniah	Zephaniah
Haggai	Haggai
Zechariah	Zechariah
Malachi	Malachi

Matthew	Matthew
Mark	John Mark
Luke	Luke
John	John
Acts	Luke
Romans 1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy 2 Timothy Titus Philemon	Paul
Hebrews	Unknown
James	James (brother of Jesus)
1 Peter 2 Peter	Peter
1 John 2 John 3 John	John
Jude	Jude
Revelation	John

How Did We Get Our Bibles?

- ▶ 66 books written by 35+ writers over 1500 to 2000 years
- ▶ Most writers did not know the other writers or their messages
- ▶ Written from several different countries
- ▶ Written in 3 different languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek)
- ▶ All authored by God through the Holy Spirit

Does the Bible Claim to be the Word of God?

- ▶ 2 Timothy 3:16 – “God-breathed”
- ▶ 2 Peter 1:16-21 – holy men of God spoke by the Holy Spirit
- ▶ Hebrews 1:1-2 – God spoke by the prophets and His Son
- ▶ 2 Peter 3:15-16 – Paul’s letters with the rest of Scripture

The Bible is the Word of God

- ▶ **“Thus says the Lord . . .”** (3808 times)
 - Jeremiah 1:4-10; 20:7-9
 - Ezekiel 2:1-3:4
 - 2 Samuel 23:1-2
 - Numbers 23:35; 24:13
 - Habakkuk 2:2
 - Zechariah 7:7
 - 2 Kings 22:11, 18-19
 - Exodus 4:12

The Bible is the Word of God

- ▶ Jesus speaks of the O.T. as the Word of God
 - Matthew 5:17-18
 - Matthew 15:4-6
 - Matthew 19:4-5
 - Matthew 22:29
 - Matthew 23:35
 - Matthew 26:54
 - Luke 24:25-27
 - John 10:34

The Bible is the Word of God

- ▶ N.T. writers speak of Scripture as the Word of God
 - Galatians 3:8 (Genesis 12:1-3)
 - Romans 9:17 (Exodus 9:16)
 - Hebrews 3:7 (Psalm 95:7-11)
 - Acts 4:24-36 (Psalm 2:1)
 - Acts 13:34 (Isaiah 55:3)
 - Acts 13:35 (Psalm 16:10)
 - Hebrews 1:7 (Psalm 104:4)
 - Hebrews 1:8-9 (Psalm 45:6-7)
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Why Do We Need the Bible?

▶ God is unknowable

- John 4:24 – God is spirit
- 1 Timothy 6:13-16 – dwells in unapproachable light
- John 1:18 – no man has seen God at any time
- Isaiah 55:9 – God's ways are incomprehensible
- 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 – things of God have not entered the mind of man

▶ Man is unable to know God?

- Romans 1:18-23 – natural revelation received and corrupted
- 1 Corinthians 2:14 – natural man incapable of knowing God
- 2 Corinthians 4:4 – blinded by the Devil
- Isaiah 6:9-10 – Jeremiah 5:21 – blinded by God
- Ephesians 2:1, 5 – dead in trespasses and sin

We Need More than Revelation!

- ▶ Ephesians 1:15-21, n.b. v.18
- ▶ Acts 26:18
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 4:6
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 2:7-10
- ▶ Romans 10:17
- ▶ Psalm 119:130
- ▶ Psalm 119:18
- ▶ John 1:4-5, 9; 8:12
- ▶ Hebrews 4:12
- ▶ Romans 1:16-17

The Doctrine of Inspiration

- ▶ Inerrant – without error in original writing
- ▶ Infallible – absolutely true and reliable
- ▶ The character of God – reflected in the Bible
- ▶ The “perspecuity” – clarity of Scripture
- ▶ Interpretation – Normal language

The Doctrine of Inspiration

- ▶ Augustine: If, here or there, I stumble upon something which seems not to agree with the truth, I make no doubt that either the copy is faulty, or the translator did not express exactly the thought of the original, or that I do not understand the matter.
- ▶ J.C. Ryle: Give me the plenary, verbal theory of inspiration, with all its difficulties. Rather than doubt, I accept the difficulties and humbly wait for their solution. But while I wait, I am standing on the rock.

The Canon of Scripture

- ▶ Canon – an accepted rule re: the books of the Bible
- ▶ O.T. accepted on authority of Christ and the prophets.
- ▶ Third Council of Carthage, 397 – recognized the 66 books

The Bible is . . .

- . . . the verbally inspired Word of God
 - . . . the only written revelation from God and about God
 - . . . the message the Holy Spirit blesses and uses
 - . . . the completed written revelation of God
 - . . . the infallible authority for faith and practice
 - . . . sufficient for faith and practice
 - . . . the will of God for the ministry of the Church
- ▶ Read and learn the Bible