

#2 Why Should I Trust the Bible?

John 17:17 Your Word is Truth.

SEVEN REASONS YOU CAN TRUST THE BIBLE TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH

1. Scripture Claims To Be TRUE REVELATION From God

2Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...

2. The Bible Meets The Criteria For RELIABLE HISTORY

- Are there any written accounts of what happened? YES
- Were the accounts written or authorized by eyewitnesses? YES
- Is each account internally consistent? YES
- If there are several accounts, can they reasonably be harmonized? YES
- Were the accounts written fairly soon after the events they record? YES
- Do we have the original autographs? NO If not, do we have good copies? YES
- Is there any external corroboration? YES Secondary sources? YES
- Is there any archaeological evidence to support the accounts? YES

3. The Scriptures Were Viewed By Jesus as AUTHORITATIVE

Matthew 5:18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Matthew 26:56 ...But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.

John 10:35 ...Scripture cannot be broken...

GO WITH THE GUY WHO ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

4. The Bible Has Exhibited Amazing INDESTRUCTABILITY

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.

5. The Bible is Further Validated By FULFILLED PROPHECY

Isaiah 42:8 "I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

6. The Bible's Claim is Supported By Its SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY

7. The Bible Possesses Life-Giving, Life-Changing POWER

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active

John 6:63 The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

1 Peter 1:23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

HOW TO KNOW FOR SURE THAT YOU ARE DESTINED FOR HEAVEN

(the Gospel, from the Bible)

Rom. 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

1Pet. 3:18 For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,

Gal. 2:16 Know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.

Eph. 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

Eph. 2:4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Rom. 10:13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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