

AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

THE BIBLE IS THE ULTIMATE SOURCE OF TRUTH BECAUSE...

IT IS THE WORD OF GOD AND GOD CANNOT LIE

([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#))
([Hebrews 6:17-18](#))
([Proverbs 30:5-6](#))

IT IS ETERNAL

([Isaiah 40:8](#))
([Matthew 24:35](#))
([Psalm 119:160](#))

IT IS PERFECT

([Psalm 19:7-11](#))

IT IS ALIVE

([Hebrews 4:12-13](#))
([John 1:1-5, 14-18](#))

IT IS EFFECTIVE

([Isaiah 55:8-11](#))
([Psalm 19:7-8](#))

IT IS POWERFUL

([Romans 1:16-17](#))
([Hebrews 1:1-4](#))

IT IS CONFIRMED BY FULLFILLED PROPHECY

([2 Peter 1:16-21](#))
([Luke 4:16-21](#))

JESUS RELIED ON THE SCRIPTURES AS TRUTH

([John 10:34-38](#))

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

THE BIBLE IS ESSENTIAL FOR BELIEVERS TO BE EFFECTIVE IN MINISTRY.

It is impossible to obey God's will without knowing God's will, and it is impossible to know God's will without knowing God's WORD.



It guides the life of believers.
(Psalm 119:105-112)

God's Word illuminates the path of the believer, revealing to them the will of God for the lives of His people.



It preserves believers from sin.
(Psalm 119:9-16)

When believers keep God's Word in their heart diligently, it guards their heart from sinning against God.



It brings life to the lost.
(John 5:24-29) **(John 1:1-5)**
(Luke 11:27-28)

There is the power of life and resurrection in the power of the God's Word. Jesus Christ is the living embodiment of the Word and has been given the power of life and resurrection by God the Father.



It is the Sword of the Spirit.
(Ephesians 6:16-18) **(Luke 4:1-14)**

God's Word is the believer's most effective offensive weapon in the war against the devil. It is wielded through knowledge and wisdom.



The Bible is the only fully reliable source of truth.
(Numbers 23:19) **(Titus 1:1-3)**

God cannot lie, therefore, all of His Words are true. Scripture confirms this over and over again, in both the Old and New Testament, through the words of multiple authors who all affirm that God's Word is the ultimate truth.

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."
- Joshua 1:8

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Definitions

Definitions are important. One of Satan's tactics to deceive people is to prompt society to change the meaning of words. In our society, this deception is on full display. It is for this reason that we have provided detailed definitions for the key terms of this session.

SECULAR DEFINITION: BIBLE

The book of sacred writings accepted by Christians as coming from God.

BIBLICAL DEFINITION: BIBLE/GOD'S WORD

The 66 books that make up, what today is commonly referred to as, the Christian Bible. This book has existed for more than 1,700 years in a consistent form, having been recognized by the pillars of the early church until today, as Divinely inspired Scripture. Those who accept Jesus Christ and live their lives in accordance with the revelation which He has given in His Word, accept the Scriptures to be inerrant, infallible, and authoritative.

No writing outside the canon of the 66 books of the Bible should be considered Divinely inspired, inerrant, infallible, or of ultimate authority.

SECULAR DEFINITION: INERRANCY

Exemption from error.

BIBLICAL DEFINITION: BIBLICAL INERRANCY

Inerrancy is the view that when all the facts become known, they will demonstrate that the Bible in its original autographs and correctly interpreted is entirely true and never false in all it affirms, whether that relates to doctrine or ethics or to the social, physical, or life sciences.*

- The Scriptures assert their own infallibility by asserting that God cannot lie. (2 Timothy 3:16-17) (Hebrews 6:17-18) (Proverbs 30:5-6)
- Jesus believed and taught the Scriptures as the Word of God, perfect in every way, and destined by Divine authority to be completely and totally fulfilled in every way. (John 10:22-40)

*Walter Elwell, Evangelical Dictionary of Theology, (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2001).

JESUS IS THE LIVING WORD

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men." - John 1:1-4