

# FOUNDATION OF FAITH: THE BIBLE

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What is a foundation? "The basis on which a thing stands, is founded, or is supported."  
{American Heritage Dictionary}

We have some "foundations" on which our faith is supported. For the past two weeks I've been discussing some of them. The fourth in our discussion is- **The Bible**.

"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;" (Hebrews 1:1,2) How does the Son speak to us?

The Bible is constantly being under attack by skeptics and critics. The book is not just another book among many books. It is the book of all books! The book is special because of its contents and the true author of the book.

How is faith produced in one's life? "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." {Romans 10:17} By hearing what God says through His word! The Bible is the only revelation between God and man. Could we come to know God by personal observation or by human wisdom?

"For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. " {1 Corinthians 1: 21 }

If man cannot come to know God by human wisdom, how will it happen?

"For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God." {1 Corinthians 2: 10,11}

So by this revelation God revealed His mind unto His creation. The Bible answers the three greatest questions of life – origin, purpose, and destination.

"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. " {Genesis 1: 27}

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. " {Ecclesiastes 12: 13}

"And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." {Matthew 25:46} God is the true author of the Bible. How do we know?

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." {2 Timothy 3:16,17}

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." {2 Peter 1:20,21}

What about the unity of the writings? The Bible was written by 40 men over a period of 1500 years, men with different backgrounds, cultures, training, character, and languages. Why does Moses agree with the apostle John? How does Daniel agree with Matthew? Isaiah with the physician Luke? From the pages of Genesis to the last remarks of the Revelation letter there is complete unity and harmony. Accident? Chance? Fate? All had inside information!

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