

# WHY BELIEVE THE BIBLE?

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Whenever the subject of religion comes up in a discussion, the Bible will eventually be brought into the conversation. This question has come up in many Bible discussions which I've been involved in: "**Why should I believe the Bible?**" This is a good question that demands an answer. In this article I will try to do so.

**The Bible Is Divine.** Since the Bible is here, it must be explained. Either it is from God or it is human in origin. Does the Bible make the claim as to which it is? Yes!

"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. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual." (1 Corinthians 2: 12,13)

"For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe." (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

"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) This is the claim, can it be proven? Yes!

**Unity and Consistency.** Here is a book written by forty men from different backgrounds, at different times, over hundreds of years, and in different countries. Yet, the book is one of complete harmony! God, man's needs, the scheme of redemption, and His plan is consistent in the whole book. Not ONE contradiction in it's pages! How could this be? Only because God's hand is in it!

**Prophecy and Fulfillment.** Men have always been impressed by those who can "supposedly" predict the future. Read Deuteronomy 28. It tells of the fall of the Israelite nation, before Israel ever became that nation! Did it happen? Secular history records the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70. How could Moses have known?

Read Isaiah 53. It foretells of the death and suffering of Christ, about 700 years before the fact! How did Isaiah know? Read Psalms 22. Sound familiar? How did David know that crucifixion would be the means of capital punishment in Rome? Men cannot have this kind of accuracy. This inside information came from God! Daniel tells of the coming of the kingdom (church) in the days of the Roman Empire. How did he predict so correctly?

**Influence on Mankind.** No book can change a life like the Bible! What made those Jews in Acts 2, who not many days before had murdered Christ, convert to Christianity? Why did Saul, who was making havoc of the church, convert to become the man we know as the Apostle Paul? The word can

change the most evil sinner and make him a saint! How? The power of the word to motivate men to change. Romans 1: 16; James 1:21.

**Everlasting.** "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. " (Matthew 24:35) When this world is on fire, when the final resurrection occurs for all of mankind, and time on earth comes to an end, one thing will remain – God's word.

So many other things could have been said about this wonderful book that reveals the mind of God to us. These are some reasons why I believe the Bible. What about you? \*\*\*