

## I. BIBLIOLOGY

### A. Identity of the Bible

1. *Definition* - The Bible (consisting of the 39 books of the Old Testament and 27 books of the New Testament) as represented in English in the King James Version, is the pure <sup>Ps 12:6-7</sup>, verbal <sup>De 9:10</sup> (word for word), plenary <sup>II Tim 3:16</sup> (equally in all parts), inerrant <sup>Jn 10:35</sup> (free from error in its stated facts), infallible <sup>Ps 119:42</sup> (void of error in teachings), preserved <sup>I Pe 1:23-25</sup> (completely free from corruption) inspired <sup>II Tim 3:16</sup> (exactly as God would have it) word of God. No other book, version, or writing - other than the Bible - qualifies as scripture (although it may contain portions of scripture).
2. *Completeness* - The Bible is complete <sup>I Cor 13:10</sup> in every regard. There will never be any additional revelation, written or spoken, before the end of the world. All claims of additional revelation (i.e. modern day prophets, direct revelation outside the Bible, etc.) are fraudulent <sup>Is 8:20</sup>.
3. *Audience* - The entire Bible is pertinent to all men <sup>II Pe 3:1-2</sup>. Certain portions have application to selected groups of men under certain dispensational guidelines, but theories such as hyper-dispensationalism (i.e. multiple plans of salvation; inapplicability of the Old Testament, etc.) are false.
4. *Inerrancy and Infallibility* - The Bible is completely free from error in statements of fact and in its teachings <sup>Num 23:19</sup>. Any "presumed" error or contradiction is caused by the misunderstanding or misinterpretation of the reader.

### B. Inception of the Bible

1. *Inspiration* - The Bible we read is the product of God's inspiration. Inspiration is the mechanism by which God delivered the Bible to man <sup>II Tim 3:16</sup>.
2. *Eternality* - The Bible itself is from eternity past <sup>Titus 1:2</sup> to eternity future <sup>Ps 119:89</sup>. Any representation of scripture that is different from that eternal writing is corrupt <sup>Mt 5:18</sup>, and therefore not purely inspired, inerrant, etc <sup>Is 40:8</sup>.
3. *Confluency* - The Bible is the product of "confluent" inspiration. That is to say, God used men to record the words of the Bible in written form <sup>Is 59:21</sup>. The personality, experience, and disposition of those men is evident in the word of God. This fact precludes the notion of a word for word dictation, but does not detract from the purity of the words recorded as the very words God intended <sup>II Pe 1:21</sup>.

### C. Importance of the Bible

1. *Revelation*
  - a. God's creation <sup>Rom 1:20</sup> (general revelation) and Scripture <sup>John 1:1</sup> (special revelation) each reveal God to man.
  - b. Creation undeniably proves God's existence and man's need for Him. No man will be able to stand before God with a valid excuse for rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ <sup>John 1:8</sup>, whether or not he had access to God's special revelation.

**Ps 12:6** The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.  
**7** Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

**De 9:10** And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

*Note: The phrase "all the words" appears 40 times in the Bible. Almost 30 of them refer to the transmission of the word of God.*

**2Tim 3:16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

**17** That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

**John 10:35** If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken

**Ps 119:42** So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

**1 Pe 1:23** Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. **24 ¶** For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: **25** But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

**I Cor 13:10** But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

**Is 8:20** To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

**II Pe 3:1** This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: **2** That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

**2 Pe 1:21** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

**Num 23:19** God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

**Titus 1:2** In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began

**Ps 119:89** For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

**Mt 5:18** For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

**Is 40:8** The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

**Is 59:21** As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD: My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

**Rom 1:20** For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

**John 1:8** He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. **9** That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

- c. Scripture is the perfect expression of God <sup>John 1:1</sup>, and therefore must be perfect in order to fulfill this task.
  - d. We cannot know God's perfect will without His special revelation. God's will is not found through emotion <sup>Jer 17:9</sup>, circumstance, feelings, practicality, etc.
2. *Authority* - Our authority to proclaim and practice truth is given by the Bible. It is imperative that we disclose and exercise Biblical mandates. All that we do and teach as individuals and churches, we do based upon the license given by the Bible <sup>Acts 5:29</sup>.
  3. *Guidance* - The Bible is to be the born again believer's guide in his daily life <sup>Ps 119:105</sup>. From it he is to get his perspective which is more important than observations or experience.

#### D. Interpretation of the Bible

1. *Methodology*
  - a. The Bible is to be interpreted literally. It is an account of literal events (the flood, Jonah's whale, etc.). The Lord Jesus Christ treated the Bible in a literal sense when teaching from it <sup>Matt 12:40</sup>.
  - b. The Bible is not to be interpreted allegorically (as if the plain sense and account is to be disregarded). There are "types", "pictures", "parables", and "secondary meanings" in the Bible, but they are understood after accepting the literal sense when it makes sense in light of other Biblical teachings.
  - c. The Bible is to be interpreted dispensationally.
2. *Enlightenment* - No man can learn the Bible unless he is taught by the Spirit of God <sup>1 John 2:27</sup>. A man who rejects Christ is not eligible for this teaching <sup>1 Cor 2:14</sup> (aside from conviction of sin and to salvation).

#### E. Incorruptibility of the Bible

1. *Preservation*
  - a. Preservation is a prerequisite for scripture; the word of God cannot be corrupted <sup>1 Pe 1:23</sup>.
  - b. God, not man, is responsible for the preservation of His word <sup>Psalms 12:6-7</sup>.
  - c. Words are preserved, as well as thoughts, teachings, ideas, etc <sup>Matt 4:4, Luke 4:4, Ex 24:4, De 28:58</sup>.
2. *Manuscript Evidence*
  - a. Any honest, somewhat intelligent man who is willing to study the "theories" of modern manuscript evidence (i.e. read the writings of Westcott and Hort) can see that they are substantially flawed, violate laws of simple logic, and do not make sense.
  - b. The men who were the original proponents of modern manuscript theory were lost enemies of God's word.
  - c. The products of modern manuscript theory (i.e. the RSV, NASV, NIV, etc.) are corrupt, lame, perverted, deceptive, inaccurate pretenders that are not the pure word of God, and cannot be used as any sort of suitable substitute for it <sup>De 4:2</sup>.

**John 1:1** ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** The same was in the beginning with God.

**Jer 17:9** The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

**Ps 119:105** Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

**Ac 5:29** Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

**Mt 12:39** But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: **40** For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

**1 John 2:27** But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

**1 Cor 2:14** But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

**1 Peter 1:23** Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. **24** For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: **25** But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

**Psalms 12:6** The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. **7** Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

**Matt 4:4** But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

**Luke 4:4** And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

**Exodus 24:4** And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD

**De 28:58** If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;

**De 4:2** Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

3. *Translation* - God promised to preserve His word. This preservation extends to and past the process of translation without necessitating any "double inspiration."
4. *The King James Bible* - The King James Bible is the pure word of God. Every word contained therein is to be trusted. It does not contain errors, mistakes, or "antiquated" words. There is no substitute for it in English because there is only one Bible.
5. *Separation* - It is the responsibility of men who recognize the word of God to separate themselves from those who are not of like mind <sup>Rom 16:17</sup>.

**Ro 16:17** ¶ Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.