

## VALIDITY OF THE BIBLE

- **IS THE BIBLE FROM GOD?**
  - 2 Timothy 3:16 – “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”
  - 2 Peter 1:20-21 – “Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”
  - **Yes, the Bible is from God. Though man may have physically written it, the Bible is God-breathed (2 Timothy 3) and never had its origin in the thoughts of man. The Holy Spirit was the author; man was just the penman (2 Peter 1).**
- **IS THE BIBLE TRUE?**
  - Titus 1:2 – “a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time,”
  - John 17:17 – “Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”
  - **Yes, the Bible is true (John 17). It came from God and God does not lie (Titus 1).**
- **IS THE BIBLE COMPLETE? IS THERE ANYTHING WE NEED TO KNOW SPIRITUALLY THAT THE BIBLE DOES NOT TELL US?**
  - Psalm 19:7-10 – “**The law of the Lord is perfect**, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.”
  - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 – “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 perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.**”
  - 1 Corinthians 13:9-10 – “For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when **perfection** comes, the imperfect disappears.”
  - James 1:25 – “But the man who looks intently into the **perfect law that gives freedom**, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it – he will be blessed in what he does.”
  - Matthew 4:4 – “Jesus answered, ‘It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”
  - **From these Scriptures, we can read that the law of the Lord is perfect. If it is perfect, then there is nothing that God left out that we need to know spiritually. It is able to thoroughly equip man for good work. It would not be able to thoroughly equip if it was missing necessary information. Jesus says that man lives on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Jesus would not have said this if there was something that God was keeping from us that we needed to know for spiritual salvation.**
  - 1 John 5:13 – “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”
  - **From this Scripture, we can logically conclude that there is nothing left out of the Scriptures that is necessary for our spiritual salvation. We can know that we have (or**

do not have – depending on our situation) eternal life by reading the words of the Bible. We would not be able to know that we are saved if God left something out that we needed (1 John 5).

- IS THERE ANYTHING OF CRITICAL VALUE SPIRITUALLY THAT IS NOT RECORDED IN THE BIBLE?
  - Galatians 1:6-9 – *“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel – which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! As we have already said, so now I say again: **If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!**”*
  - Paul was writing to baptized believers in the Galatian church (Galatians 3:27). When reading the book, it becomes apparent that there were folks in the Galatian congregation who were trying to enforce the old law on members. Paul says twice (to show how important it is) that there is no other gospel than the gospel of Christ which is preached in what we know today as the New Testament. Applying this today, there is nothing that is recorded outside of the Bible that is inspired by God. As an example – I can provide my college calculus book and say that one must know calculus to be saved spiritually. One can see the nonsense in this statement as it is not the gospel of Christ, therefore it cannot lead to salvation. Now, there do exist some historical documentation that can help us understand the historical context of some Biblical passages. For instance, being familiar with some of the historical writings of Josephus can help one understand Matthew 24 and Revelation better. But the historical writings such as Josephus are not inspired by God – only the Bible is. Therefore, we can logically conclude that only the Bible contains the words of spiritual salvation – and therefore, there is nothing outside of the Bible that contains the words of spiritual salvation.