

THE BIBLE: CAN I TRUST IT?

Key Verse

1 Peter 3:15 – Be ready to give a _____ for the hope that is in you.

Why Talk About the Bible?

The Bible is more than an ancient book. It is God's living and active Word, and it has the power to _____ your life.

Some Facts About the Bible

- Written by _____ different authors
- Over approximately _____ years
- Contains 66 books

Even though it was written over many centuries by many different people, it tells one unified story of God's plan of redemption.

How Was the Bible Written?

The Bible is God's book, not merely man's book.

God is the _____.

Human writers were guided by the Holy Spirit as they wrote.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 teaches that all Scripture is _____ by God.

Why Did God Give Us the Bible?

God created us for _____ with Him.

Through His Word, God reveals:

- Who He is
- Who we are

- What Jesus accomplished for us
- How we can be transformed by the renewing of our minds

John 20:31 says these things were written so that we may _____ that Jesus is the Christ.

Can the Bible Be Trusted?

Archaeology continually confirms the Bible's historical accuracy.

Archaeologist Nelson Glueck famously stated that no archaeological discovery has ever _____ a biblical reference.

One example is the Pool of _____ described in John 5, which was discovered exactly as Scripture described it.

Has the Bible Changed Over Time?

The discovery of the _____ Scrolls in 1947 demonstrated the remarkable accuracy of Old Testament transmission.

When compared with later manuscripts, there was approximately _____% agreement.

The differences were mainly minor spelling and word-order variations.

What About the New Testament?

The New Testament is the most well-preserved ancient document in history.

There are over _____ Greek manuscript copies of the New Testament available today.

Evidence for Jesus Outside the Bible

Non-Christian historians such as Josephus and Tacitus confirm key facts about Jesus' life, death, and influence.

These sources help demonstrate that Jesus was a real _____ figure, not a myth.

Application

Acts 20:32 teaches that God's Word is able to _____ you up and give you your inheritance among those who are sanctified.

Bottom Line

The Bible is accurate, trustworthy, and able to _____ your life.