

The Authority of Scripture

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Gap in our belief system

The Gap between what Christians believe and non-Christians is huge

Man's Wisdom – God's Divine Revelation

A Question from The Church

Is this a new question or an old question that has gotten louder.

Who Says What is God's Divine Revelation?

Who decides?

**Our Authority is God
And He has spoken in
One Book called The Bible**

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Satan twisted God's word and Satan misinterprets
God's word

He still does today.

What we believe here

2 Timothy 3:16-17 AMP - All Scripture is God-breathed [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to God's will, both publicly and privately—behaving honourably with personal integrity and moral courage]; so that the man of God may be complete and proficient, outfitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.

God's Word is True

Psalm 19:7 ESV The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

Psalm 12: ESV The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.

Psalm 111:7-8 ESV The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

God Does Not Lie

Psalm 119:140 NKJV Your word is very pure; Therefore Your servant loves it.

Jeremiah 10:10 – NKJV - But the Lord is the true God...

John 3:33 – NKJV He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true.

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Hebrews 1:1-2 – ESV Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Stats

The Old Testament refer to their writings as God's word over 3800 times.

The New Testament authors quote the OT as being God's word over 320 times

The NT authors quote the OT passages over 1000

The New Testament affirmed the Old Testament as divine.

The New Testament authors affirm also that the NT is divine.

New Testament

- Galatian 1:12 – Paul affirms the Gospel came from Jesus and not himself
- 1 Tim 5:18 – Paul quotes the Gospel of Luke and calls it scripture
- 2 Peter 3:15-16 – Peter calls Paul's writing scripture
- Jude 17 – Refers to scripture and then quotes Paul

What Did Jesus Think

- John 10:35 – Scripture cannot be broken
- John 5:39-40 – If we search the scriptures (OT) we will find Jesus
- Jesus spoke of Genesis.

Jesus quoted the Old Testament

- Jesus affirmed - 'it is written'

How Do We know

Jesus loved us

Jesus died for us

We are forgiven of our sins

We have eternal life

We are going to heaven

The Bible Tells Me So

Extra Biblical Evidence

Our Experience

History

Science

Miracles

Prophecy

Prophecy

- The bible says things are going to happen, and they happen
- The Bible is in Two distinct volumes
 1. Predicts what will happen
 2. Proves that it happened

They Both Point to Jesus

Isaiah 53

A 700 year old Prophecy

Most detailed

It has full historical verification

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Has The Truths that dominate the New Testament

- Salvation
- Forgiveness
- Reconciliation
- Eternal life

Home Group

Talk about this in your home groups

The questions come from your group