



THE WORD OF GOD

Introduction: The Word of God is essential to the growth of the believer in Christ. It is essential in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. The standards of the believer in Christ and the details of how to live his life are found in the Word of God.

Article #1 of Berean's Article of Faith: "We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writings, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life. The King James Version shall be the official Bible used by the church." (I Cor. 2:13; 10:11; II Tim. 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:21)

Introduction to the Word of God

A. It is universally accepted that there are two fundamental sources of human knowledge: **reason** and **experience**. Yet, reason and experience do not answer the following questions.

Question #1-Where did I come from _____?

Question #2-What is the purpose for my life _____?

Question #3-Where am I going after death _____?

The answer to all three questions can be found in God's Word.

B. There is a third source of knowledge called **revelation**. This is found primarily in the Word of God. The Bible teaches us that God revealed Himself and His commandments in the Holy Scriptures. They teach us that He is God.

C. The Bible describes two forms of revelation.

1. The first form is called **General** revelation. This kind of revelation is through His creation. (Psalms 19:1-6; Romans 1:20) This kind of revelation is available to all. God has implanted the knowledge of His existence in every human heart. (Romans 1:19)

2. The second form is called **Special** revelation. This involves a more direct communication with man. In times past, this was done through dreams, visions, angels, the person of Jesus Christ, and the Bible. (Word of God)

D. God chose to reveal Himself in a progressive way. As time passed, more and more was revealed and recorded about God. At the completion of the New Testament, God's written revelation was complete.

What makes the Word of God Unique

A. It is unique in its **production**. It was written by more than 40 authors over a period of 1,600 years. It is totally accurate in history and prophecy without one contradiction. (2 Peter 1:19-21)

B. It is unique in its **preservation**. God promised to preserve His words. (Psalms 12:6-7)



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C. It is unique in its **proclamations**. It deals with every subject in life and is p_____ . (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

D. It is unique in its **product**. No other book has so profoundly influenced the world and the lives of mankind. The Word of God is q_____ and p_____. (Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23)

The Inspiration of the Word of God

A. The word “i_____” means “G_____ -breathed.”

B. This means the author of the Word of God is the Holy Spirit of G_____. (2 Peter 1:21)

C. The Word of God is the source of the knowledge of G_____. It is the guide to the divine and everlasting l_____.

D. The word “Bible” is taken from the Greek word “biblios” meaning “a book.” But the Bible is not just “a book.” It is the W_____ of God.

E. The Bible is a library of 66 b_____ divided into two main sections:

1. The Old T_____ (39 books)
2. The New T_____ (27 books)

F. “All S_____ is given by i_____.” (2 Timothy 3:16)

G. “Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy G_____.” (2 Peter 1:21)

H. We accept the S_____ as the infallible (without of error) Word of God completely inspired and without a doubt preserved. (Hebrews 1:1; Jeremiah 1:9; 45:1; 2 Samuel 23:2; Ezekiel 2:2)

The Preservation of the Word of God

A. Not only did God i_____ His word, He p_____ His word as well. (Psalms 12:6-7; Matthew 24:35)

B. Other verses that show God preserving His word are Jeremiah 36, Isaiah 40:8, and 1 Peter 1:23-25)

The reason for the Preservation and Inspiration of God’s Word

A. To bring us to the new b_____. (1 Peter 1:23)

B. To grow as a new follower in Christ, we must desire the sincere m_____ of the w_____. (1 Peter 2:2)

C. To carry out the “Great Commission.” (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8)



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D. According to 2 Timothy 3:16, the Word of God is given for four reasons:

1. D _____ -What is right.
2. R _____ -What is not right
3. C _____ -How to get it right
4. I _____ -How to stay right

The Word of God is active in Salvation

A. The Word of God is the agent which brings about r _____ and r _____ -. (Titus 3:5)

B. We are saved by g _____ through f _____ and f _____ comes by h _____ God's Word. (Ephesians 2:8; Romans 10:17)

C. The Word of God is able to save our s _____. (James 1:21)

D. The Gospel is summed up in God's Word. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

1. Jesus Christ died for our s _____.
2. He was b _____.
3. He rose from the d _____.
4. This was all according to the s _____.

Conclusion

"The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable.

Read it to be wise; believe it to be safe; and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is a traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword and the Christian's charter.

Here Paradise is restored. Heaven opened and the gates of Hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject; our good its design and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. It is given to you in life, will be opened at the judgment and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents."

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QUESTIONS
