



Trusting The Bible

STEP 2C

The Bible is the foundation of Christian faith, claimed to be God's inspired Word. Understanding why we can trust the Bible is essential for building a strong relationship with God and living according to His truth.

Let's explore the reliability, authority, and transformative power of Scripture.

1. The Bible is God's Inspired Word

2 Timothy 3:16-17

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

2. The Bible is Authoritative and True

Psalms 119:160

"The entirety of Your word is truth, and all Your righteous judgments endure forever."

3. The Bible is Historically Reliable

Luke 1:1-4

"Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as the original eyewitnesses and servants of the word handed them down to us, it seemed good to me also, having carefully investigated everything from the very first, to write to you in an orderly sequence... so that you may know the certainty of the things about which you have been instructed."

4. The Bible is Preserved Through Time

Isaiah 40:8

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God remains forever."

5. The Bible Transforms Lives

Hebrews 4:12

"For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

The Bible claims to be God's revelation to humanity, guiding us in truth and righteousness.

John 17:17

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

The Bible's consistency, fulfilled prophecies, and historical accuracy support its reliability.

2 Peter 1:21

"For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

The Bible addresses human needs, offering hope, guidance, and restoration through God's promises.

Romans 15:4

"For whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that we may have hope through endurance and through the encouragement from the Scriptures."

1. Based on 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and John 17:17, how would you explain the Bible's inspiration and truth to someone who questions its reliability? Why do you think its divine inspiration matters for our faith?

2. Psalm 119:160 and Isaiah 40:8 describe the enduring nature of God's Word. How does knowing the Bible has been preserved through time strengthen your trust in it, and how can this assurance influence your daily decisions?

3. Luke 1:1-4 highlights the careful investigation behind the Gospel accounts. What are some examples of historical or archaeological evidence that support the Bible's accuracy, and how do these findings impact your confidence in Scripture?

4. According to Hebrews 4:12 and Romans 15:4, the Bible is living and transformative. Can you share a personal experience where a specific scripture changed your perspective or guided your actions? How can we make engaging with Scripture a regular part of our lives?

5. 2 Peter 1:21 emphasizes that the Bible's prophecies came through God's Spirit, not human will. How do fulfilled prophecies (e.g., Jesus' birth in Micah 5:2 or His suffering in Isaiah 53) strengthen your trust in the Bible? What steps can you take to study and apply its teachings more deeply?