



Prayer



REVIEW QUIZ

Catechism Questions 9-12

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD





WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR ME
TO KNOW THAT GOD WROTE
THE BIBLE?

What is meant by “verbal inspiration”?

1 Thessalonians 2:13 a.) The Bible is God’s Word

2 Peter 1:21

b.) The Holy Spirit guided what to write

2 Samuel 23:2

c.) The Bible writers confess that God spoke through them

Verbal inspiration : the Holy Spirit guided men to record the exact words that he wanted them to write.

Because the Bible was written by God that means...

John 17:17

Numbers 23:19

Luke 21:33



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John 17:17

a.) EVERYTHING in the Bible is
true

Numbers 23:19

Luke 21:33

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Numbers 23:19 b.) Certainty that ALL God's
promises will be kept

Luke 21:33

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c.) God's Word will endure
forever

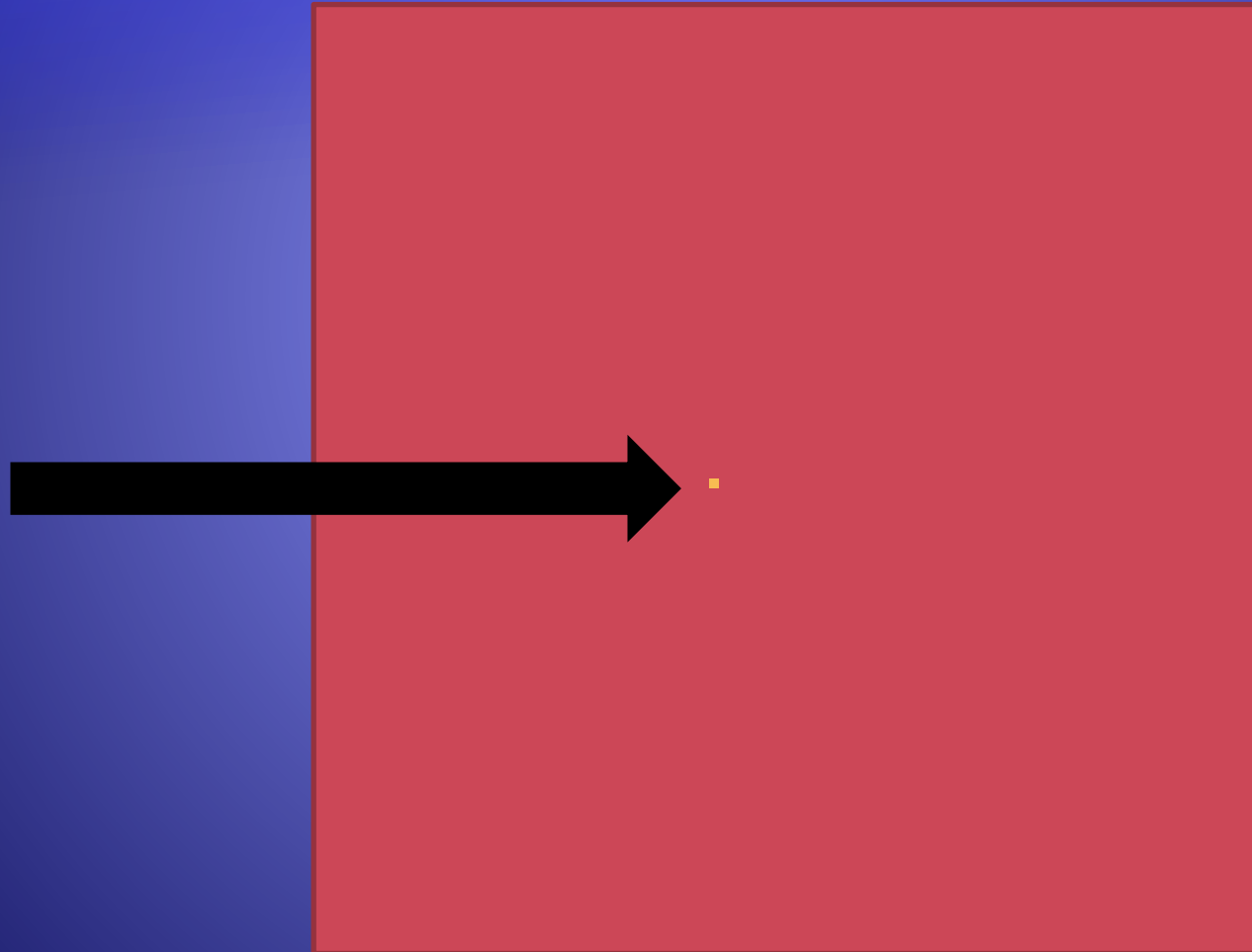
God has miraculously preserved his Word over time

a.) In his wisdom God has not preserved any of the original writings of the Apostles, but he has preserved countless copies.

b.) We can see God's guiding hand at work in the uniformity of these copies and the sheer number of them (nearly 400x more than any book ancient book!)

Author	Date Written	Earliest Copy	Approximate Time Span between original & copy	# of Copies
Plato	427-347 B.C.	A.D. 900	1200 yrs	7
Demosthenes	4th Cent. B.C.	A.D. 1100	800 yrs	8
Herodotus	480-425 B.C.	A.D. 900	1300 yrs	8
Aristotle	384-322 B.C.	A.D. 1100	1400	49
Sophocles	496-406 B.C.	A.D. 1000	1400 yrs	193
Homer (Iliad)	900 B.C.	400 B.C.	500 yrs	643
New Testament	1st Cent. A.D. (A.D. 50-100)	2nd Cent. A.D. (c. A.D. 130 f.)	less than 100 years	5600

Remarkably these copies are 99.5%
the same.



c.) The majority of differences being:

- ◆ The translation of people or place names
- ◆ Changing the order of words (i.e. "our Lord Jesus Christ" vs. "Jesus Christ our Lord" vs. "Christ Jesus our Lord")
- ◆ NONE of the .5% differences have to do with ANY doctrinal passages of the Bible!

d.) So don't get alarmed when you hear reports of the Bible being "changed" or "full of inaccuracies" in the course of copying. God's promise and all the evidence we have proves the contrary!

Because the Bible is God's Word how will we handle it?

Revelation 22:18,19 a.) We will not add or subtract from what the Bible says

2 Peter 3:16

&

Jude 4



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b.) We will not change the meaning of God's Word



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- So they don't have to feel guilty for their sins
- So it fits with the morals of our society (i.e. abortion or gay marriage)
- So it fits with “science” or “history”
- To make it more inclusive (i.e. all are saved)

Why are any and all such changes dangerous?

- ◆ You are putting something else (be it science or reason or emotion) above God's true Word

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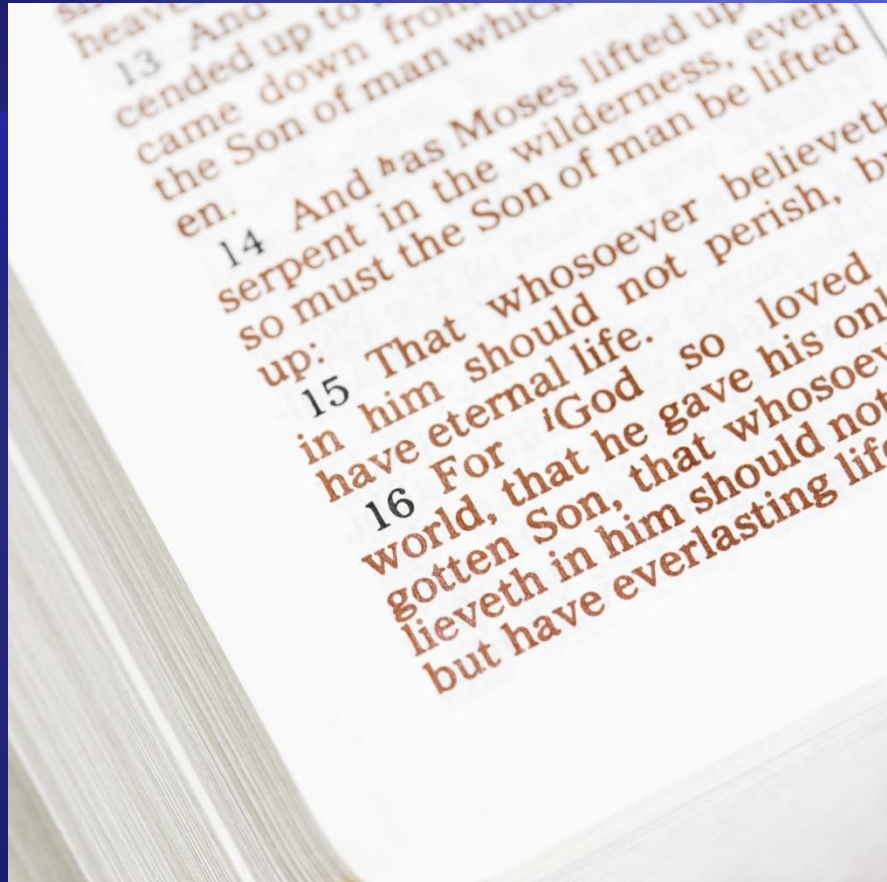
were breathed in

by the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit gave the authors the exact words to write.

Since God wrote the Bible...



Since God wrote the Bible...



- ◆ Don't add
- ◆ Don't subtract
- ◆ Don't change meaning

...we are to handle it with care.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR ME
TO KNOW THAT THE BIBLE IS
WRITTEN BY GOD?

It is important for me to know that the Bible is verbally inspired because then I will trust what it says and never change it in any way.

Assignment for Next Time...

Memory Work:

- ◆ 2 Peter 1:21
- ◆ John 17:17
- ◆ ALL OT Books

Complete the take-home quiz and study questions.

