

The Calvary Chapel New Believers Bible Study Series

Study Number 1:

The Word of God – Part 1

Definition

The Bible is God's revelation of Himself to humanity, His creation. The Bible forming one continuous story; gives us the story of humanity in relation to God. From the beginning to the end, the Bible has one great theme; the Person and work of Jesus Christ.

We believe that the Bible is the inerrant word of God in the original manuscripts, that it is God's word breathed for all humanity. The Bible is provided today in several languages including Modern English. All modern language translations are done with experts in the field of the languages of the Bible (Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek), based upon the original manuscripts. The Bible is not a butchering of several types of languages ignoring the original words God gave us, it is based upon known words and manuscripts.

1. Read **Hebrews 1:1-3**

In these verses we see that God's Word is a progressive revelation.

- Sundry Times
- Diverse manners
- Times past
- Unto the fathers by the prophets
- In these last days
- Unto us by/in/His Son (The express image of His person).

This revelation of God is now finished in the Son, no further revelations are considered on an equal status as the manuscripts of the Old and New Testament. Any other inspiring works must in agreement with God's already revealed word, but none of them are ever considered equal in terms of authority or inspiration.

2. Read **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

What portion of scripture is inspired by God? _____

The work "inspired" in this verse means "God Breathed." It's as if God spoke it himself. (**Genesis 2:7**)

What is God's Word (*The Bible*) profitable for?

1: _____

2: _____

3: _____

4: _____

3. Characteristics of the Word of God

The Word of God **1 Peter 1:23, 25** _____

The Word is **Hebrews 4:12** _____

My Word will **Luke 21:33** _____

The Gospel of Christ is **Romans 1:16** _____

4. How do I know the Bible is reliable and without error?

2 Peter 1:20-21 assures us that God's Word is true and reliable.

NOTE: There are dozens of prophecies in the Old Testament fulfilled during the life and ministry of Jesus. If we analyze the probability of one person fulfilling just eight, the probability would be 1 in 10 with 17 zeros after it! We can understand why Peter declares that the written word of prophecy is more sure.

2 Timothy 3:16 tells us that all Scripture finds its origin in God.

Titus 1:2 tells us that God cannot lie.

What does this say about the reliability of God's Word? _____

Notes or Questions _____

Assignment: Read **Psalms 119:1-88**, Memorize **Psalms 119:105**, and pray for one another.

NOTE: There are several good translations available in English. Some are easier to read than others, and some are better for study purposes because they are closer to the original text of the Bible. The King James Version, New King James, The New American Standard Bible (1995), and the New Revised Standard Version are all good translations for study purposes. For easier reading the New Living Translation, New International Version could be recommended.

Also note that if you are choosing a Bible that has study notes in it, they are not always perfect and some study Bibles are better than others. The AMG Key Word Study Bible is good, so are the Thompson Chain Reference Bible and the NIV Study Bible.