



# Articles of Faith

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## Lesson One – The Bible

Aim: Understanding Why We Can and Should Trust the Bible

*Every Scripture passage is inspired by God. All of them are useful for teaching, pointing out errors, correcting people, and training them for a life that has God's approval.*

2 Timothy 3:16 GWT



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*We believe the Bible is the Inerrant, Infallible, Inspired and Authoritative Word of God. It does not contain the Word of God. It is the Word of God. Therefore, it is sufficient for things pertaining to God, life and living as it relates to its claims, commands, laws, doctrines and instructions. Furthermore, there is no salvation for fallen humanity outside of that which is contained within its pages.*

2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21

### Definitions

**Inerrant** - not capable of being wrong, says what it means to say without omissions or exaggerated information

**Infallible** - not capable of making mistakes, never failing

**Inspired** - of extraordinary quality, as if arising from some external creative impulse; the men who wrote the Bible were Inspired by the Holy Spirit

**Authoritative** - reliable; trustworthy; commanding and self-confident; likely to be respected and obeyed

The Bible is not the opinions or the memories of the writers, it contains the information and words that the Spirit of God instructed them to write. By inspired men to write the Bible, God has revealed Himself to us.

**General Revelation** – Psalm 19:12, Acts 14:15-17

**Special Revelation** – Genesis 6:13-22, Exodus 3:1-3

### Trusting the Bible as True

The Bible proves itself. Throughout human history and in Jesus Christ Himself, Biblical Prophecy has come to pass time and time again.

## Basic Bible Facts

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- It took about 1500 years to "write" the Bible
- The Bible is divided into 2 sections called Testaments
- The Word **Testament** means *Covenant/Promise*
- There are 66 Books in the Bible
- There are 39 in the Old Testament
- There are 27 in the New Testament
- The First 5 Books of the Old Testament are called the **Books of Law**, the **Pentateuch** or the **Books of Moses**
- The Rest of the Old Testament is split into 3 more sections, Books of History, Poetry, and the Major and Minor Prophets
- **The Overall Message of the Old Testament is that the Messiah is Coming!!!**
- The First 4 Books of the New Testament are called the **Gospels**
- The Word **Gospel** means *Good News*. The Gospels contain the Good News of Jesus Christ
- The Rest of the New Testament is split into 3 more sections, 1 Book of History, 1 Book of Prophecy and Epistles
- The Word **Epistles** means *Letters*
- **The Overall Message of the New Testament is that the Messiah has come and will come again!**

## Examples in History

Read Isaiah 44:28, Isaiah 45:1, 13 and then Google some facts about the Conqueror Cyrus

Read Daniel 11:1-4 and then Google some facts about Alexander the Great

## Prophecies Fulfilled by Christ

### Christ Triumphant Ride into Jerusalem

Zechariah 9:9/John 12:12-15

### Rejection of Christ

Isaiah 53:3/John 1:10-11/John 12:37-38

### Jesus Silent Before His Accusers

Isaiah 53:7/Mark 15:5

### The Soldiers Divided His Garments & Cast Lots

Psalms 22:17-18/John 19:23

### Not one of His bones would be broken

Numbers 9:12/John 19:31-37

### They would pierce His hands and feet

Psalms 22:14-16/Luke 24:39/Galatians 3:13

### Jesus will die as a sacrifice for our sins

Isaiah 53:5-6, 8, 12/1 Peter 2:24/1 Corinthians 15:3-4

### Jesus was Buried in a Rich Man's tomb

Isaiah 53:9/Matthew 27:57-60

### Jesus would not stay buried but rise from the dead

Psalms 16:10/Matthew 28:6/Romans 6:8-11

### Christ would be seated at the right hand of God

Psalms 110:1/Hebrews 10:12-13/Acts 2:32-36

### The nations will be blessed through Abraham's lineage

Genesis 12:3/Acts 3:25-26

### God's covenant with Isaac's ancestor's

Genesis 17:19/Romans 9:7

### David's offspring will have an eternal kingdom

2 Samuel 7:12-13/Matthew 1:1

### A virgin will give birth and He will be called Immanuel

Isaiah 7:14/Luke 1:35

### The Messiah will end up in Egypt

Hosea 11:1/Matthew 2:14-15

### The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem

Micah 5:2/Matthew 2:4-6

### Jesus would become the perfect sacrifice

Psalms 40:6-8/Hebrews 10:5-10

### Jesus would teach in parables

Psalms 78:1-2/Matthew 13:34-35

### Christ's ministry would begin in Gentiles

Isaiah 9:1-2/Matthew 4:12-17

### The Messiah would be preceded by a forerunner

Isaiah 40:3-4/John 1:23

### He will be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver

Zechariah 11:12-13/Matthew 27:6-10

The Bible is Trustworthy. We have learned that it proves itself. If we can trust that God's Word is true, we can trust that what God says about us, in His Word, is also true. So what does He say???

**I am Beautiful** - Psalm 45:11

**I am Unique** - Psalm 139:13

**I am Loved** - Jeremiah 31:3

**I am Special** - Ephesians 2:10

**I have a Purpose** - Jeremiah 29:11

**I am Cared for** - Ephesians 3:17-19

**I am Lovely** - Daniel 12:3

**I am Precious** - 1 Corinthians 6:20

**I am Strong** - Psalm 18:35

**I am Important** - 1 Peter 2:9

**I am Forgiveness** - Psalm 103:12

**I am a New Creation** - 2 Corinthians 5:17

**I am Empowered** - Philippians 4:13

**I am Protected** - Psalm 121:3

**I am Chosen** - John 15:16

**I am Family** - Ephesians 2:19

**I am His** - Isaiah 43:1