

Study Guide

How We Got The Bible

1. Read 2 Cor. 11:3: "But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ."

What is the cost of being deceived? Discuss.

2. What does the Bible indicate about God's words?

1. God-breathed

2 Tim.3:16 "All Scripture is **breathed out by God** and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness..."

2 Pet. 1:20-21 "...knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 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."

2. Commanding

Ps. 33:6- "By the word of the LORD the **heavens were made**, and by the breath of his mouth all their host."

Gen. 1:3- "And God said, 'Let there be light,' **and there was** light."

3. Eternal

Matt. 24:35- "Heaven and earth may pass away, but my words **will never pass away.**"

4. Perfect

Psalm 19:7 "The law of the LORD is **perfect**, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple."

Psalm 12:6- "And the words of the LORD are **flawless**, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times."

5. Active

Heb. 4:12 "For the word of God is alive and **active**. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

3. How did the Bible come to be? Discuss the following passages:

a. The first record of God's word – Exodus 19:17-19; Ex. 24:12; Deut. 31:24-26

b. God's standard for God's word- Deut. 18:16-18; Deut. 18:19-22

c. The NT affirms the OT- Luke 24:25-27; Luke 24:44

d. God's standard for the NT- 1 John 1:3; John 16:13-15; Rev. 22:18

Conclusion

If the Bible is really God's word to us, what are the implications?

How is His word relevant in your life today?

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A. How do we Know what Books Belong?

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Chain of communication:

1. General Revelation
2. Special Revelation
3. Distribution
4. Recognition
5. Preservation

Determining Factors:

1. Author
2. Miracles
3. Truth
4. Transformation
5. Acceptance

B. What the Bible Claims About Itself

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2 Peter 1:20-21 "...knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. **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."

2. Powerful

Psalm 33:6 "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host."

3. Eternal

Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth may pass away, but my words will never pass away."

4. Flawless

Psalm 12:6 "And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times."

5. Active

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C. The historical progression of Scripture

1. The Formation of the Old Testament

Exodus 19:17-19

"Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him."

Exodus 24:12

"The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.'"

Deut. 31:24-26

"After Moses finished writing in a book the words of this law from beginning to end, he gave this command to the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD: 'Take this Book of the Law and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God. There it will remain as a witness...'"

Deut. 18:16-18

"Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." The LORD said to me: 'What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him.'"

Deut. 18:21-22

"You may say to yourselves, 'How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the LORD?' If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously, so do not be alarmed."

2. The New Testament Affirmation of the OT

Luke 24:25-27

"He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself."

Luke 24:44

“He said to them, ‘This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.’”

3. The Apostolic Writing of the New Testament

1 John 1: 3

“We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.”

John 16:13-15

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. **14** He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. **15** All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

Revelation 22:18

“I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. **19** And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.”

D. The Key Character- Jesus Christ

Genesis- The seed of the woman

Exodus- The Passover Lamb

Leviticus- The High Priest

Numbers- The Pillar of Cloud/Fire

Deuteronomy- The Prophet like unto Moses

Psalms- The Good Shepherd

Revelation (Alpha-Omega)

John 1:1 & 14

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ...” “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

1 John 5:13

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”



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