

# BACK TO THE BASICS

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## The Authority of the Bible

### Back to the Basics Basic Truth:

I believe the bible has decisive authority over what I say & do.

### How Can We Know The Bible Came From God?

- I) The Bible is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- A) Revelation means that God has chosen to reveal His nature and His will to us through the Bible.
  - B) In this way, I will show my greatness and holiness, and I will make myself known to all the nations of the world. Then they will know that I am the LORD. Ezekiel 38:23
- II) The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ by God.
- A) Inspiration is the process through which God gave us the Bible.
  - B) All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. - 2 Timothy 3:16
- III) The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit.
- A) Illumination is the Holy Spirit's work of bringing light to the words of the Bible as we read them.
  - B) Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. Luke 24:45
- IV) The Bible is 100 percent \_\_\_\_\_.

### Proofs Of The Reliability Of The Bible:

- A) The \_\_\_\_\_ evidence says the Bible is a historical book.
  - 1) The number of manuscript copies and the short length of time between the original manuscripts and our first copies of the New Testament.
  - 2) The extreme \_\_\_\_\_ with which the Scriptures were copied.
  - 3) Confirmation of places and dates by \_\_\_\_\_.
- B) The \_\_\_\_\_ evidence says the Bible is a unique book.
  - 1) The majority of the Bible comes from \_\_\_\_\_ accounts.
  - 2) The amazing agreement and consistency throughout the Bible
- C) \_\_\_\_\_ evidence says the Bible is a powerful book.
- D) \_\_\_\_\_ said the Bible came from God. Jesus:

1) Recognized the Spirit as the \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus responded, "Then why does David, speaking under the inspiration of the Spirit, call the Messiah 'my Lord'? For David said, 'The LORD said to my Lord, Sit in the place of honor at my right hand until I humble your enemies beneath your feet.' Matthew 22:43-44

2) Quoted the Bible as \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God. Matthew 22:29

(b) He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." -Luke 11:28 NIV

3) Proclaimed its \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. Matthew 5:18

(b) Scripture is always true. John 10:35 (NCV)

4) Called it the \_\_\_\_\_.

And so you cancel the word of God in order to hand down your own tradition. And this is only one example among many others." Mark 7:13

5) Believed that people and places in the Bible were real.

V) The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ today.

### To Submit To The Bible's Authority In My Life, I:

I) Study the Bible for \_\_\_\_\_.

Your words are what sustain me; they are food to my hungry soul. They bring joy to my sorrowing heart and delight me. How proud I am to bear your name, O Lord. Jeremiah 15:16 (TLB)

II) Search the bible for \_\_\_\_\_.

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105

III) \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible for victory.

A) I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11

B) No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

C) For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Hebrews 4:12

IV) \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible for spiritual growth.

A) But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. James 1:22

B) My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body. Proverbs 4:20-22

**I will make the Bible's principles the foundation of my life.**

Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. Matthew 7:24-25

**NEXT STEPS:**

- I will memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- I commit to study the Bible for nourishment at least 15 minutes per day this week.
- I will make the Bible's principles the foundation of my life.
- Sign me up for the New Members Class on 4/23 & 4/30 (must attend both classes)