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What Every Christian Ought to Know

Christian growth starts with a firm conviction about the inspiration and authority of the Bible.

Man Has Only Three Problems

Every other problem in the world is a subset of _____ and the Bible is the only book on earth that has the answer to all three conditions.

The Bible is not the _____; it is the _____.

There Is a War on the Bible The devil hates this book and would like to destroy it. Some despise the Bible; others just deny it; still others distort it and have warped, misused, and abused it. But I believe the greatest enemy of the Bible is the so-called Christian who simply ignores the Bible or disregards it. He gives only lip service to it.

2 Timothy 3:14–17 NASB95

¹⁴ You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*,

¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Feelings come and go, but God's Word never wavers.

- Your _____ depends on understanding the gospel message of the Bible.
- Your _____ depends on resting in the truth of the Bible.
- Your _____ depends on living by the principles of the Bible.
- Your _____ depends on the confidence you have in the Word of God.

A. The Scriptures Are _____

“all scripture is inspired by God.” (2 Timothy 3:16) The words, by inspiration of God, are translated by one Greek word theopneustos, and it means that all scripture is God-breathed.

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1. It Is Not _____ Inspiration
2. It Is Not _____ Inspiration
3. It Is _____ Inspiration

It just simply means it's all-inspired; it means it's fully inspired. "[Not a] jot [nor a] tittle [will fall] from the law, till all be fulfilled." ([Matthew 5:18](#))

Matthew 5:18 NKJV

¹⁸ For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

B. The Scriptures Are _____

The Bible gives you that which is right. It shows you what is not right. It tells you how to get right, and it tells you how to stay right. And, you'll not do that unless you stay in the Word of God.

2 Timothy 3:16 NASB95

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

C. The Scriptures Are _____

1. The Scriptures Are Necessary for _____

2 Timothy 3:15 NASB95

¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

People are not saved by your testimony. They're not saved by your ideas. They're not saved by your philosophy.

1 Peter 1:23 NASB95

²³ for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and enduring word of God.

2. The Scriptures Are Necessary for _____

"that the man of God may be perfect." ([2 Timothy 3:17](#)) Now, that doesn't mean sinless. There's not a person here that is sinless. The word perfect, *teleos*, means "mature." God wants us to grow up.

3. The Scriptures Are Necessary for _____

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“That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” ([2 Timothy 3:17](#)) And, the word here is the idea of a soldier’s equipment when he’s going into battle. God does not send you into battle unarmed.

I. Faith Is _____ in _____

Our faith is not blind faith. All true faith is rooted in evidence. Blind faith is really not faith at all. What some people call “a leap in the dark” is not faith at all; it is superstition.

A. _____ Evidence

The Bible gives us great history stories. Are these things fables or did they really happen?

B. _____ Evidence

C. The _____ of the Bible

“The word of the Lord [endures] for ever.” ([1 Peter 1:25](#))

D. _____ Prophecy

The greatest proof of the inspiration of the Bible is its _____ prophecy.

1. He Arranged to Be Born in Bethlehem

2. He Arranged for Isaiah to Record The Details of His Life

Isaiah the prophet would record precise details of His birth and life seven hundred years before He was born—in [Isaiah 7](#), and [Isaiah 9](#), and [Isaiah 53](#).

Isaiah 7:14 NASB95

¹⁴ “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

3. He Arranged for the Psalms to Record His Crucifixion

He arranged that [Psalm 22](#) would describe His crucifixion, by the piercing of His hands and His feet, when crucifixion was not even a known form of capital punishment. The Romans brought in crucifixion. Stoning was the order of the day when [Psalm 22](#) was written. But Jesus, they said, arranged that.

4. He Arranged to Be Crucified Between Two Thieves

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He arranged to be crucified between two thieves, one on His right hand and one of His left, to fulfill [Isaiah 53](#), verses 9 to 12. ([Isaiah 53:9–12](#)) And, we read about that in Matthew chapter 27.

5. He Arranged for Judas to Betray Him for Thirty Pieces of Silver

He arranged that Judas would betray Him for thirty pieces of silver, exactly what Zechariah had said in [Zechariah 11](#) and verse 12. ([Zechariah 11:12](#))

Zechariah 11:12 NASB95

¹² I said to them, "If it is good in your sight, give *me* my wages; but if not, never mind!" So they weighed out thirty *shekels* of silver as my wages.

6. He Arranged to Rise from the Dead on the Third Day

He arranged that on the third day He'd walk out of that grave. And he would be seen of five hundred witnesses. Don't tell me it was a hallucination.

Matthew 26:56 NASB95

⁵⁶ "But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets." Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

II. Faith Goes _____ Evidence

God will not prove anything to you. God gives you evidence. There comes a time when you must go beyond evidence to faith.

John 7:16–17 NASB95

¹⁶ So Jesus answered them and said, "My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

¹⁷ "If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or *whether* I speak from Myself.

III. Faith _____ Its Own Best Evidence

Faith, then, becomes its own best evidence. Then you believe because you believe "O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him." ([Psalms 34:8](#))