



## **The Bible: God’s Infallible Expression of Love**

The Bible is the collection of books that has stood the test of time throughout centuries since it was hand-written by different men in different cultures during different time frames under the inspiration of ONE author: **God**

### **2 Timothy 3:16**

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

But even though it was hand-written by contributors of about 30-40 men over a period of roughly 3,000 years in the continents of Asia, Africa, and Europe in the languages of Aramaic, Hebrew and Greek, it has ONE grand theme: **Jesus the Christ**

Its divine unity is comprised of a list of 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament, which was canonized by God Himself as 66 books and acknowledged via councils guided by the wisdom of God. Preserved miraculously until this day, God Himself has providentially cared for this inspired unity so today you might not find any book missing nor added that was not fully inspired for ONE reason: **Love**

### **2 Peter 1:20-21**

For no prophecy recorded in Scripture was ever thought up by the prophet himself. It was the Holy Spirit within these godly men who gave them true messages from God,

The Bible is infallible. For this reason, its authority makes it unique from any other book written by man under the inspiration of himself or God. The truth is, any other book placed alongside the Bible will never be included and does not have the authority of the canonical books of the Bible. Its facts, historical evidences, and credible historians have revealed its legitimacy.

Sure, there might be different versions of the Bible; however, there is only one original text. Over 5,000 Greek manuscripts of the New Testament exist, which is far more than any other ancient writing. As far as the Old Testament’s legitimacy is concerned, it contains over 300 references to the Messiah that were all fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Computations using the science of probability on just 8 of the 300 prophecies show the chances to be one in one hundred quadrillion. That would be like covering the state of Texas two feet deep with quarters; putting an “X” on one of those quarters and mixing them up, and then a person selecting the quarter in the first try.

The Bible has repeatedly been corroborated by examples as these through archeological discoveries, other predictions that were made thousands of years in advance that were literally

fulfilled against all mathematical odds, and credible and well documented miracles that confirm its message: **The Gospel of the Grace of Christ**

The mystics will classify the Bible as the unknown; the religious will describe it as a book of rules and laws, and the skeptics as human tradition or fantasy but it is simply this: **God’s infallible expression of love towards you**

Think of it as a love letter. God chose to record His heart on a papyrus that stood the test of time so you may see the object of His heart – His Son Jesus the Christ. Within the original text is the precise and suffice letters, words, sentences, and even personalities that reveal the person of Jesus the Christ. It is the main way to hear and to know Jesus. As a matter of fact, the words recorded in its pages were once spoken by God through the mouth of the Old Testament prophets, by faith, to bring about the Seed that would impregnate Mary, so today we might see the revelation of Jesus the Christ revealed in the New Testament.

The Bible is not about you and me but all about Jesus. It is not a book to find rules to live right, even though it contains wisdom for everyday living. It is not a book to learn from other people’s mistakes, even though it contains lessons for life. It is not a book to prove theories, even though its doctrine is precise. It is a book where the Holy Spirit will zoom in Jesus to your human heart, and then you will find life Himself in every area of your life.

Seeing Jesus in the Word is not just to read about Him in the Bible, but rather, it is to supernaturally see His goodness. And not just His goodness, but His goodness towards you, freely, because of everything He accomplished at the cross. It is what the Bible describes as **Grace**.

But in order for this Grace to be received, one has to believe in the resurrection of Jesus because therein is where this life was made available to you. The resurrection of Jesus is the Bible’s main claim. There are more than 500 people at the same time that claim to have seen the resurrected Christ. It is very rare in the ancient world to have one or two sources to confirm a fact. However, there are about nine ancient sources from inside and outside the New Testament, confirming and corroborating His post-resurrection appearances.

This marvelous Grace is what will affect destiny in your life. It is what will preserve you and your loved ones. It is what will prosper your whole persona and impart health to all your body. It is what will bless you.

A well-known Christian apologist, who was once an atheist, says it like this:

- “Christianity stands in sharp contrast because it is based on grace.” – Lee Strobel

So the next time you open the Bible, ask the Holy Spirit to unveil this Jesus and His glory to you. Then, get ready to read a love letter quickened by the Holy Spirit written exclusively to you. Amen.

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