



We Believe I

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**What Do You
Believe about the
Bible?**

We Believe the Bible

Received

Inspired

Inerrant

Infallible

**We believe the Bible is
received, inspired, inerrant,
and infallible.**

Received

Right Books.
Reliable Text.

**“The church hid books
from you. What about the
lost books?”**

The tablets were **God's work**, and the writing was **God's writing** engraved on the tablets.

Then the LORD said to Moses, “**Write down these words**, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.”

And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel,
“Write all the words which I have
spoken to you in a book.”

**The canon grows through
revelation — not religious
politics.**

They stored the stones in a suitable place on the temple mount, until the coming of a prophet who could determine what to do with them.

Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.

**What about First
Enoch?**

It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way...”

Old does not mean prophetic.

**Quoted does not mean
canonized.**

Useful does not mean inspired.

**The Treasury makes the
money.**

**The agent recognizes the
money.**

**Recognition does not create
the thing recognized.**

**How was the New
Testament recognized?**

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

**that you should remember the words
spoken beforehand by the holy prophets
and the commandment of the Lord and
Savior **spoken by your apostles.****

**If anyone thinks he is a prophet or
spiritual, let him recognize that the things
which I write to you are the Lord's
commandment.**

as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING,” and “The laborer is worthy of his wages.”

**What about the
“Gnostic gospels”?**

Simon Peter said to them, ‘Make Mary leave us, for females don’t deserve life.’ Jesus said, ‘Look, I will guide her to make her male... For every female who makes herself male will enter the kingdom of heaven.’

And He answered and said, “Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning **MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE...**”

**The Gospel of Thomas does
not speak with the voice of
Christ.**

**Were the words
preserved?**

**The Bible is not a
telephone game.**

**Transmission: copying the Hebrew and
Greek words through history**

**Translation: expressing their meaning in
English**

Word-for-word: NASB · ESV · KJV · NKJV

Thought-for-thought: CSB · NIV · NLT

**A textual variant is simply a
place where copies differ.
No essential doctrine depends on
an uncertain reading.**

**Picture a 1,000-piece puzzle with
1,010 pieces.**

The picture is not missing.

5,700+ Greek New Testament manuscripts
10,000+ Latin copies — plus Syriac, Coptic,
Armenian, Ethiopic
36,000+ quotations from early church
writers before AD 325

**No originals of Plato, Homer, or
Tacitus survive either.
That standard would erase
ancient history.**

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**Inspired = God-
Breathed**

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

2 Timothy 3:16 · NASB 1995

for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but **men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.**

**Fully human: their personalities,
vocabulary, and style**

**Fully divine: exactly what God
intended**

**Verbal: the words, not merely the
ideas**

Plenary: all Scripture, every part

For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, **not the smallest letter or stroke** shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

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**Inerrancy looks at the
finished test:**

20/20 — no wrong answers.

Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

The words of the LORD are pure words; As silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.

**“I believe the spiritual parts.
But it can be wrong about
history and science.”**

**Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is
truth.**

**A wrong answer is a wrong
answer — regardless of the
category.**

**“But men wrote the Bible,
and to err is human.”**

in the hope of eternal life, which **God,**
who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,

God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

**Finitude is not the same
thing as error.**

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**Infallible = Incapable of
Error**

If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and **the Scripture cannot be broken**),

**Inerrancy: Scripture does not
err.**

**Infallibility: Scripture cannot
err.**

For I did not speak on My own initiative,
but **the Father Himself who sent Me has**
given Me a commandment as to what to say
and what to speak.

**You cannot preserve a high view
of Jesus while treating His view
of Scripture as a mistake.**

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What Do We Believe about the Bible?

- 1. Received**
- 2. Inspired**
- 3. Inerrant**
- 4. Infallible**

Received — treasure it.

Inspired — submit to it.

Inerrant — believe it.

Infallible — depend on it.

**The written Word brings us to
the eternal Word, Jesus Christ.**

WE BELIEVE THE BIBLE

**The grass withers, the flower fades, But
the word of our God stands forever.**

Isaiah 40:8 • NASB 1995