

Is the Bible Accurate?

HOW DO WE KNOW THE BIBLE IS THE TRUTH?

The Doctrine of Inspiration

QUOTE: Inspiration does not mean the writer felt enthusiastic,...Nor does it mean that the writings are necessarily inspiring, like an uplifting poem. As a process, it refers to the writers and the writings being controlled by God. As a product, it refers to the writings only, as documents that are God's Message. - Norman Geisler

Observation: Inspiration means God _____ the entire Bible through people.
2 Peter 1:20-21

Observation: Inspiration means the Holy Spirit is the _____.
Ezekiel 11:5, Acts 1:16, Acts 28:25, Matthew 5:18, 2 Timothy 3:16, Psalm 18:30

Observation: Inspiration means God's Word is the ultimate _____.

QUOTE: If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself. - Augustine
Psalm 119:9, Psalm 33:4

QUOTE: Whenever there is a conflict between what the Bible says and the way I feel or what I've been taught or the opinion of others or what seems reasonable to me-- whenever I have a difference of opinion with the Bible for any reason--the Bible is always right! - J.I. Packer

HOW DO WE KNOW WE HAVE THE RIGHT BOOKS IN THE BIBLE?

The Testimony of the Bible

1. _____ accepted the books of the Old Testament as Scripture.
Luke 24:44
2. Peter recognized Paul's letters as _____.
2 Peter 3:15-16
3. Paul recognized the _____ inspiration of the Old and New Testaments.
1 Timothy 5:18

The History of the Church

1. To be included in the Bible, a book had to have the authority of an _____.
2. People of the early Church recognized _____ from lie.
3. The confirmation of the _____.

Quote: Many people think that the New Testament books were chosen by a council of a few people. That is not true. A council did recognize the books of the New Testament (around 400 A.D.), but that was after the church had been using these books for 300 years. The council formally recognized the books in response to false teachers who were trying to add books to the Bible. - Tom Holladay from *Foundations*

The Power of God

Observation: Our assurance that the Bible is accurate is a matter of _____.

Isaiah 40:8

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