

IS THE BIBLE – GOD’S INSPIRED WORD

2 Timothy 3:16-17

INTRO: In the world in which we live today, there is a lot of dispute about the Bible. Even within the Church there is considerable dispute about the infallibility of the Bible. With so much dispute about Gods word and its infallibility why do we wonder about the credibility of the Church and its desirability among the worldly?

We need proof and encouragement for the inspiration of scripture.

I. BECAUSE OF THE MEN WHO WROTE IT.

A. The character of the men has never been attacked.

B. Other writers of other books have been subject to much criticism and attacks (W. A Criswell, Jerry Fallwell, Bailey Smith, Shakespeare, Diogenes)

C. To me, the words of the Bible: "Thus saith the Lord God,"are enough to believe in the total accuracy of the scriptures.

II. BECAUSE DF THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF THE BIBLE.

A. Differs from all other books written.

1. Sixty-six books.

2. Thirty-eight writers, covering 1500 yrs., yet closely connected.

3. Pick out any secular subject and look at all the different viewpoints in print about them today. Not so with the Bible.

III. FULFILLMENT OF EVERY PROPHECY.

A. Of every City, Nation, Country.

B. Prophecies of Christ. Isaiah tells of him 600 years beforehand.

C. Micah 600 years even predicted the place of Jesus birth.

D. No other source has this record!

IV. THE TESTIMONY OF THE BIBLE'S ENEMIES.

A. From the very beginning its enemies are forced to speak words in its favor.

B. Robert Ingersoll said of Christ's sufferings: "They are wonderful."

C. Madelyn Murray O'Hare said she read the Bible through in one weekend, at age 12. She rejected it but said it was a good book. (The founder of the atheism movement in America and famous for a landmark victory SOCTUS victory regarding prayer in public schools. Murdered in 1995 by fellow atheists)

V. THE TESTIMONY OF SCIENCE.

A. Scientists claimed Job was mistaken about heavens wonders — but telescopes have proven him right.

B. True science and the bible do not disagree.

C. It is not a book of science, it is a book about science.

VI. THE POWER IT EXERTS IN THE WORLD TODAY.

A. Influence on literature. All great literature has the influence of the Bible.

B. Huxley said it is the key to the success of all true education.

VII. THE TESTIMONY OF SOCIOLOGY.

A. Did you ever hear of a drunkard, thief, vagabond who read any secular writing and was changed?

B. No, and you won't.

VIII. BECAUSE OF ITS DURABILITY.

A. Roman emperors tried for 300 yrs. to destroy it.

B. It is still the best-selling book ever, today.