

THE BIBLE
The Authority of the Bible
Hebrews 1:1-2

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1. **The Bible itself _____ to be the actual words of God.**
 - a. God _____ in multiple ways through the forefathers in the Old Testament.
 - b. The culmination of _____ revelation to man is focused in the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. **There are _____ requirements for the sixty-six books that are included in the Bible.**
 - a. To be the Word of God, the book must be _____ by the Holy Spirit.
 - b. To be the Word of God, the book must have an authority that is _____.
 - c. To be the Word of God means that the books will be _____ with one another.
 - d. To be the Word of God, the book had to be put in _____ form.

- e. To be the Word of God, the books must be recognized as such by God's people, the _____.

In other words, we know the Scriptures by "... *the heavenliness of the contents, the efficacy of the doctrine, the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God, the full disclosure it makes of the only way of man's salvation, together with many other incomparable excellencies and entire perfection. By all this evidence the Scripture more than _____ itself to the Word of God. Yet notwithstanding this, our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth of Scripture and its divine authority, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.*" - *The 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith*

3. **The Scripture has ultimate authority because it is the Word of _____.**
 - a. It is the holy _____ of God in all of its glorious perfection that gives the Scriptures their authority.

"Its authority is intrinsic and inherent; that is, it is self-validating. In no sense is its authority derived from _____ testimony." - *Dr. Robert Reymond*
 - b. Even though a person may reject the Bible as the Word of God, _____ has something they consider to be their ultimate authority.
 - c. As the Word of God, the Bible requires our _____ and our obedience.