

# How Do We Know the Bible is the Word of God?



# What does it mean that the Bible is the Word of God?

To call the Bible the “Word of God” is to affirm *the Bible speaks as God speaks*. Whatever the Bible affirms as true *is true*, because the Bible is *inspired* by God (1 Tim. 3:16).



# We must avoid circular reasoning when claiming that the Bible is the Word of God



Acknowledging the Bible as the Word of God ultimately involves a *step* of faith, but it is a *final step* preceded by several steps of reasons and evidence.

**Authority of Jesus Christ**

**Fulfilled Prophecy in the Bible**

**Historical Reliability of the Bible**

**Uniqueness of the Bible**

# The Uniqueness of the Bible

*The Bible is unique in its . . .*

**Unity and continuity**

**Circulation**

**Translation**

**Survival**

**Teachings**

**Influence on literature**

**Influence on civilization**

see Josh McDowell, *New Evidence That Demands a Verdict*





# Fulfilled Prophecy in the Bible

*The Bible records prophecies accurately fulfilled . . .*

**In the history of ancient Israel and the surrounding nations**

**In the identification of Jesus of Nazareth as Israel's promised Messiah**



# The Authority of Jesus Christ

The Bible is affirmed to be the Word of God by Jesus Christ, whose testimony and authority are established by his resurrection from the dead.





**When we step out in faith and accept—and live by—the Bible as the Word of God, there are two *confirming* evidences that follow:**



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THE "LIVEABILITY" OF THE  
BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

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THE INNER TESTIMONY OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT

# The Inner Testimony of the Holy Spirit

**The Holy Spirit indwells believers, testifying to them that they are children of God and that God's Word can be trusted (see Rom. 8:9-16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)**



# The “Liveability” of the Biblical Worldview

**The Bible—its story and its worldview—can be lived like no other worldview because it is true to reality and true to who we really are.**

