

Making the Bible Part of Your Life - Part 2  
Can I Trust It?  
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- Lack of direction
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*2 Tim. 3:16-17 (NIV) "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."*

- God inspired

*Ps. 119:86 (NCV) "All of your commands can be trusted."*

*Col. 3:16(ESV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,*

- How do I know I can trust it?

### **Why I Can Trust The Bible?**

#### 1st) **MANUSCRIPTS**

- Scribes
- In biblical times, scribes were in demand to prepare copies of Israel's sacred literature on parchment scrolls. Many scribes devoted themselves to preserving and copying the scriptures.
- Dead Sea Scrolls
- Historical Accuracy

#### 2nd) It's **ARCHEOLOGY**

- Survival
- The Bible has survived countless attacks
- The Bible can change a culture

*Matthew 24:35 (NIV) "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."*

- Voltaire - "One hundred years from today the Bible will be a forgotten book."
- Everybody's forgotten that quote!
- After Voltaire died, for nearly one hundred years, his homestead was used as the book depository for the French Bible Society

*1 Peter 1:24b-25 (NIV) "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of God stands forever."*

#### 3rd) **PROPHECY**

- The bible is prophetically accurate
- Are still yet to be fulfilled.

*2 Peter 1:21 (GW) "No prophecy ever originated from humans. Instead, it was given by the Holy Spirit as humans spoke under God's direction."*

- Don't ever trust a psychic who asks for your name

*Matt. 26:56 (NLT) "But this is all happening to fulfill the words of the prophets as recorded in the Scriptures."*

*Rev. 22:6 (NIV) "The angel said to me, 'These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord ... sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.'"*

#### 4th) **STATISTICS**

- Overall Theme
- It is thematically unified
- It has the theme through the entire book
- Redemption of man through Jesus
- Written over 1600 years
- 40 Different Authors
- 3 Different continents
- 3 Different languages

*Luke 24:27 (NIV) "Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself."*

*John 5:39 (NLT) "You search the Scriptures because you believe they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!"*

- It has transforming power
- Meeting Jesus absolutely radically changed my life!
- The Bible transformed my life
- God has to do that
- God has to change the heart

*John 8:31-32 (NIV) "If you continue in my Word, then you are my disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free!"*

- The truth will make you free
- If you continue in my Word, you will know the truth and the truth will make you free.