

Anything less is not the truth of the Bible.

### So What?

John 14:6 Jesus absolutely has the authority to say that.

Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus absolutely has the authority to say that.

Acts 4:12 The Disciples absolutely had the authority to say that. And So Do We!

### Vital Truth #2 Verbal, Plenary Inspiration of Scripture

***“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.” (Jesus) Matthew 24:35***

#### □ The Uniqueness of the Bible

1. It is unique in its Unity.

2. It is unique in its Distribution.

3. It is unique in its Translation.

4. It is unique in its Indestructability.

5. It is unique in its Message.

6. It is unique in its Influence on other literature.

#### □ The Critics of the Bible

“In five years from now there will not be a Bible in America. I have gone through the Bible with an axe and cut down all its trees.”

Thomas Paine (1737-1809 The Age of Reason)

Series:

V...for Vital: 5 Things All Christians Believe

Today's Message:

Part 1 of 2



<sup>1</sup>I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup>***preach the word***; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when they will not endure ***sound doctrine***; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup>But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 2 Timothy 4:1-5

### Vital Truth #1 Virgin Birth and Deity of Christ

They go together. Virgin Birth is a sign of the uniqueness of this person. He had no human for His father. Deity was clothed with Humanity at Bethlehem. Jesus left the Palaces of Heaven for the Pain of Earth. 100% God  
100% Man

Left Heaven. Left Majesty, put on the garments of humanity

100% Man Feelings, frustrations, human will, mind, emotions,

#### **OT Predicted the Virgin Birth**

#### **Old Testament Prophecy**

Isaiah 7:14 <sup>14</sup>“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

NT, Matthew Claims that this prophecy was fulfilled literally by Christ.

RSV translates “young woman” What a “sign”

Angel told Mary, Luke 1:34, “How can this be since I am a virgin?”

Isaiah 9:6

<sup>6</sup>For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Micah 5:2

<sup>2</sup> “But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity.”

Liberals Deny the Virgin Birth, and the Deity of Christ.

Cults have many different views.

Mormons believe that God the Father cohabited with Mary.

They believe that Jesus was a man who became God.

Bible teaches that Jesus was God who took on humanity.

Jehovah’s witnesses teach that Jesus is only a creation of God. That he was the Angel Michael.

**New Testament Affirmation of the Person of Jesus Christ.**

John 1:1, 14

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Colossians 1:15-17

<sup>15</sup>And He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of

all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Colossians 2:9

<sup>9</sup>For in Him **all** the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

**He possessed the attributes of God.**

John 8:58 Eternality

**He performed the works of God**

Mark 2:1-12, John 5:21-27, John 11:43, Forgiving, Judging, Raising the Dead,

**He has the names of God**

Matthew 26:3-64 Son of God

**He claimed to be God,**

John 10:30, John 5:18 “I and the Father are One.” “one and the same.”

**Video from Movie:** The Gospel of John 5:19-26

He was and is the God-Man. Fully God, Fully Man. It was Love that made Him, so.

**Human Enough:**

- 1 To be born.....
- 2 To cry.....
- 3 To cry “I thirst”.....
- 4 To be Hungry.....
- 5 To get caught in a storm.....
- 6 To be tempted.....
- 7 To fall under the weight of a Cross...
- 8 To die on a Cross.....
- 9 To go to Heaven.....

**God Enough:**

- To enable you to be born again.
- To wipe away all tears
- To offer the water of life
- To feed the multitudes with 5 loaves & 2 fish
- To say, “Peace, be still!”
- To be sinless
- To Walk on Water
- To rise from the dead
- To Return for Us

- **The Trustworthiness of the Bible**  
*“The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the word of our God stands forever.”* Isaiah 40:8

**It Has Been Proven Trustworthy . . .**

1. **Historically.**
2. **Geographically**
3. **Biographically**
4. **Prophetically**
5. **Scientifically**
6. **Textually**
7. **Practically**
8. **Eternally**

- **The Power of the Bible**  
*“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.”*  
Romans 1:16

**“It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading people. The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom.”**  
**Horace Greeley**

2 Timothy 3:16

<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is *inspired by God* and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

“**Inspiration**” = God Breathed

“**Verbal**” = The Words

The Words of Scripture are inspired, not just the thoughts, concepts, ideals, the very words.

“**Plenary**” = All the Words

Ezekiel 3:16 is just as inspired as John 3:16

The Bible is not a history book, geology book, science book, geography book.

But it is true and reliable on every subject whether is it Theology or Geology.

6 Day Creation

Hebrews 11:3

<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

The first 11 chapters of Genesis are literal. Mark it down.

If a person denies the supernatural of the OT, they will eventually deny the supernatural of the NT.

Plagues of Egypt.

Crossing the Red Sea

Axe head Floated

Handwriting on the Wall

Jonah and the Great Fish

Miracles of the Apostles

Miracles of Jesus

Virgin Birth

Resurrection “If Christ be not raised we are still in our sins”

Jesus Rebuked the Saducees of His day. “You do err greatly not knowing the Scriptures or the Power of God.”

The Apostle John said of the religious liberals and cultists of his day, “Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.”

I am glad to be a part of a denomination that states plainly in its doctrinal statement, “The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God’s revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.”

2 Peter 1:20-21

<sup>20</sup>But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a *matter* of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**The Bible is Affirmed by Jesus’ own teachings**

John 10:34 (and the Scripture cannot be broken)

Matthew 4:4

<sup>4</sup>But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on **every word** that proceeds out of the mouth of God.’” **Verbal, Plenary**

Matthew 5:17-18

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>“For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, **not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass** from the Law until all is accomplished.

John 17:17

<sup>17</sup>“Sanctify them in the truth; **Your word is truth.**”

**Video from the Inauguration of George Washington**

**Illust. The Skeptic Edwin Rushworth, “The More He Read”**

**Bible Confession**