

1. PROOF OF CHRIST AND THE BIBLE

Every religion in the world says that they are right and other religions are wrong. How do we know which one is right? Most people have asked this question at some time. Just because you are born into a certain religion does not prove that religion to be the right one, even though you may want it to be. The rightness of any religion is determined by the **credentials of its founder** and by the **evidence of divine inspiration of its textbook**. Try to put aside any previously held ideas as we study the unique credentials of Jesus Christ and of the Bible. Ask yourself if any other religions match these claims.

Let us summarise the credentials of Christ and the Bible as follows:

1. **Jesus Christ claimed to be God, the Truth and the only Way to eternal life because:**

- i) Many details of His life were **predicted** in the Old Testament, many years before his birth.
- ii) He did many supernatural **miracles** during His three-year ministry, showing his power to:
 - raise the dead
 - still storms
 - correctly predict the future
 - cast out demons from people
 - heal the sick
- iii) He **rose** from the dead after three days, never to die again. Nobody else has ever done this. This shows that those people who have Jesus Christ as their Saviour will rise from the dead also. He was seen by hundreds of people daily after His resurrection (I Corinthians 15:5-8).
- iv) He **solves the sin problem** by dying on the cross as our substitute to pay the penalty for our sins. Other religions say “be good, do your best, keep the rules, and you might make it, but you can never be sure, so keep trying hard”. Christ says, “Receive me as your Saviour, and I give to you eternal life, and you shall never perish” (John 10:28), because I have taken the punishment due for your sins. You may know that you have eternal life (1 John 5:13).
- v) Jesus Christ **claimed to be God** and had the credentials to prove it.
- vi) Jesus Christ's life when scrutinised shows Him to be **sinless** as He claimed. No other religious founder claimed to be God or to be sinless. Other religions just have nice teachings.

2. **The Bible is the Word of God for these reasons:**

- i) Its Unity.
- ii) Scientific accuracy.
- iii) Archaeology
- iv) Fulfilled prophecies.
- v) Jesus Christ called it the Word of God (John 10:35; Mark 7:13; Luke 8:11 “seed is the..”).
- vi) It has **infinitely superior teachings** over any other book.
 - The Bible has in it nothing but truth, while all other books have truth mixed with error, like jewels mixed with mud
 - The Bible contains all truth. Every proven moral truth is found in the Bible.
 - The Bible contains more truth than all other books put together.

- vii) Its victory over attack, and its **survival** for over 2000 years.
- viii) The **character** of those who accept and those who reject the Bible.
 - The people best acquainted with God, and who live the most unselfish, moral lives, say that the Bible is God's book.
 - The people least acquainted with God, and who live more for self, say that the Bible is not God's word. Who will you believe? The stronghold of the Bible is the pure, unselfish happy home. The stronghold of unbelief is the pub, brothel, and the casino.
- ix) The **influence** of the Bible to save, purify, gladden, beautify and lift men's lives up to God. The Bible has transformed millions of the worst sinners into humble, loving, unselfish, and caring saints.
- x) The **inexhaustible depth** of the Bible. Most man-written books can be thoroughly understood and mastered in one or two readings. You can read the Bible over 100 times and still discover new, fresh, exciting and amazing truths. It comes from the mind of God.

PROOF OF THE BIBLE TO BE THE WORD OF GOD.

Let us examine proof of the Bible from the viewpoints of unity, science, archaeology and prophecy. Our faith and understanding of God's Word can be greatly increased by studying Bible proofs available to us. This helps us to defend the faith and give good reasons to those who ask us why we believe in Christ and the Bible. (1 Peter 3:15).

1. **UNITY**

The Bible was given by God to 40 writers, over a period of 1600 years, in 66 books. It contains history, prophecy, science, law, doctrine, morality, origins and human biographies, yet never do we see even the slightest disagreement between the writers on any subject. If you ask 40 of your friends to discuss their opinions on the past, the future, morality, origins, law, philosophy, etc. you will find a very great disagreement and difference of opinion. The Bible, however, agrees 100% on every subject it discusses, giving strong proof that it comes from the mind of God.