

## Why the Holy Bible?

### 1 Thessalonians 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

Reliable proofs can show why the Holy Bible is the reborn Christians ultimate authority in this life (Jo 3:3-5). God declares we are an integrated being of body, soul, and spirit (1 Th 5:23). By His design we look to verify the evidence of the documentation of scripture according to scripture (1 Co 2:13). We find His written will and testament to be our ultimate source of truth above all earthly books? By His Spirit, we mortify the deeds of the body, according to the scripture (Ro 8:13; Col 3:5)? That we might know the things that are freely given to us of God (1 Co 2:12). Today, there is an exceeding great famine with regards to nurturing an obedience that would witness Christ's faithfulness as one with God (1 Jo 5:7). Taken from retired pastor Voddie Baucham's study, '*why the bible?*', are six basic truths we witness as the faithful documenting of God's people, ordained by the Father, for the revelation of His Son Jesus Christ (Jo 1:1-14).

***1 The bible is a reliable collection of historical documents 2 written by eye-witnesses 3 during the lifetime of other eye-witnesses. 4 Who report supernatural events 5 that took place in fulfillment of specific prophecies, 6 and who claim they're prophecies are divine rather than human in origin [Voddie Baucham].***

Voddie exclaims, "I would no more try to defend the bible than I would try to defend a lion. You don't defend a lion; you just let them loose. But when asked, 'why the Holy bible?', the above is my answer." Let's now listen to some of the roars of the Lion of the tribe of Judah:

**2 Peter 1:16-21¶ For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. 19 ¶ We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

**It's a reliable collection of historical documents.**

The Bible is a collection of witnesses who heard directly from God, and not just from one person; and everyone has to listen only to him. The bible was written on three different continents: Asia, Africa, and Europe. The bible was written in three languages, but mostly two, Hebrew, Greek, and a little bit of Aramaic. The bible was written by over forty witnesses from multiple walks of life who were inspired to write sixty-six volumes, Genesis to Revelation, written over a period of fifteen hundred years.

The Holy Bible is not just one individual man making a claim; *[except that man be Jesus Christ (Jo 1:1-14)]!* In Christ, the witnesses of the Bible only add credibility to the Bible. And God in Christ gives us eye witnesses:

**Luke 1:1-4 ¶ Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, 2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; 3 It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, 4 That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.**

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**1 John 1:1-3 ¶ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) 3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.**

These are not witnesses who had a vision! Rather, from those who witnessed the resurrection of Christ, to the Apostle Paul; these were people who were eye-witnesses to events that had been prophesized. Who wrote specifically about what they themselves saw, accompanied by the faithfulness of the Spirit of Christ who was abiding in them.

**It's a reliable collection of historical documents written by eye-witnesses during the life time of other eye-witnesses.**

**1** 1 **Corinthian's 15:1-8 ¶** Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **2** By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. **3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, [Peter], then of the twelve: 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. 7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. 8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

There are about 300 souls who were witness to the resurrection who were still alive when 1 Corinthian's 15 is being written. A question is asked: "how could Jesus have seen the 12 if Judas hanged himself?" Christ would have only appeared to eleven! But, in Acts 1:25-26, Judas is replaced by Matthias! And the requirement for Matthias is that he would have been an eye-witness of everything from the beginning including the resurrection. Additionally, there have been 25,000 archeological digs related directly to the subject matter of the bible. Not one of them has contradicted anything we have in the bible. The over-whelming majority of them have confirmed and affirmed the things we find in the bible!

Why is this so important? Because the message of the gospel is falsifiable. "It is Confirmable." The message of the bible is FALSIFIABLE. This is so important. When a claim is falsifiable it is a claim that can be TESTED so as to be CONFIRMED or FALSIFIED. When a claim is NOT FALSIFIABLE it is a claim that cannot be tested to prove whether or not it's true. Therefore, it's not a very strong claim if you can't TEST it (1 Th 5:23). Unlike any other physical book from the spirit of the world, it is the Holy Bible through which God's people hear the Spirit of God in Christ:

**1** Corinthians 2:12-14 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. **13** Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **14** But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

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2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psalms 119:97 ¶ O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

When a claim someone makes is not falsifiable, meaning it cannot be confirmed, so that we have to TRUST the one who's speaking to us, who is not God; we take the risk of going down the road of WORLDLY WISDOM; which the bible says the child of God has been loosed from. The Bible declares His elect receive the WISDOM OF GOD (1 Co 2:12). When Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, wrote, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, it was a falsifiable claim that could be confirmed. To date, it has never been falsified. Therefore, God's inspired writings through His witnesses are pieces of EVIDENCE the world is responsible for to weigh.

Our claim is that the New Testament was written early. That it was completed by the end of the first century. This is argued about on a couple of different fronts. **First**, that the bible is not reliable. That we can't trust what we have, because it's been translated so many times [*the telephone analogy*]. Here's the problem. If I am the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts, I don't have to speak into one's ear, and those I speak to are now the authority to repeat what I said! For example, the King James, and the English Standard version, were not translated from the last translation made, but were translated from the original Hebrew and Greek. So, referring to the telephone analogy, it's like, I, [*the Hebrew & Greek manuscripts*], is speaking to one, then I'm speaking to another, to another after them, to another after them, and so on!

In other words, the last one is hearing from the same source, the Hebrew & Greek manuscripts, and not from the professing Christian as the authority. How any will interpret what they hear it is not the issue here, but that what they hear is not passed down, [*the telephone analogy*], from other hearers; but that each hear from the same source. We can go to that source to match it with our translation! Translations can be TESTED against the source documents!

Some will say, “those documents, [*the Hebrew & Greek copies*], are later documents! That we don’t know what was in the earlier documents, [*the true originals*], referring to the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts written directly by Holy men of old (1 Pe 1:20-21).” It is true, we don’t have the original Hebrew and Greek manuscripts, because of the materials these originals were written on. However, speaking of the New Testament: we can put our hands on documents that date back to, 100 A.D., to, 120 A.D., for the completion of the New Testament. There’s about 6000 documents and manuscripts of the New Testament! This won’t seem impressive to those who don’t understand ancient writings. But, we have less than a half dozen of Aristotle’s poetics. The earliest was written 1000 years after the New Testament documents. The best example is Homers Iliad that has a few hundred manuscripts. The earliest is written 2100 years after the New Testament manuscripts. So why are the New Testament manuscripts being questioned? If the bible is ‘not’ considered trustworthy as an ancient document, then there is no ancient document that should be considered trustworthy!

Then there’s the Greek Monk theory. That these monks, who lived at the time the New Testament was being written, re-wrote the New Testament! So, that what the New Testament says today comes from the Monk’s and not from God’s inspired writings. Which means these Monks would have re-written 6000 different manuscripts that basically say the same thing we see in today’s New Testament English translations! But there’s a major problem with this! Jesus said to go and make disciples of every people group, [*the world*], (Mt 28:19-20). The problem is that people groups speak different languages. So, in the first couple of centuries the New Testament was translated in SIRIAC, COPTIC, and, LATIN. This means these overzealous monks, in the time of Constantine, had to find 6000 manuscripts to change them all the exact same way. Don’t show your ink work! Don’t get caught! Don’t tell anybody what you did! Then learn how to lie in SIRIAC, COPTIC, and LATIN, as well as you lie in Greek; otherwise, all 6000 of the manuscripts, [*which now have to be translated into GREEK*], are NOT going to match the SIRIAC, COPTIC, and, LATIN!

And there's a third layer of problems! The early church fathers had this horrible habit of quoting and writing commentaries on the New Testament. So now these commentaries have to match the changes the Monks supposedly did in the SIRIAC, COPTIC, and LATIN, into GREEK. This of course is fantasy! OK, so far, we're validating a reliable history book! So, we return to, 2 Peter 1:16-18:

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Not super human events, but supernatural events, is what is being witnessed and documented! They're talking about the mount of transfiguration, when Jesus was transfigured on the mount of Gethsemane with Moses and Elijah. So, this was not coming from a religious society who are simply passing down they're rules and regulations. This is referring to events such as when Moses and the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, and Pharaoh's army was drowned. This was supernatural! These are the types of things we have in the Bible. But not only are they supernatural events, but they're supernatural events that took place in fulfillment of specific prophecies!

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For example, the prophecy in, Isaiah 9:6, 53:10-12, written over 700 years before Jesus was born; prophesied that Jesus will be born. And that He will be the suffering servant. Isaiah 53 is in the Hebrew bible. If we go to over 1000 years before Christ, we can read, Psalm 22:1-4:

**Psalm 22:1-4 ¶ My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent. 3 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises**

of Israel. **4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.**

The first line of this song Christ sang while in physical and spiritual agony as He was on the cross. In, Psalm 22:12-17, we hear what took place in real time when all His bones are out of joint because God in the flesh is nailed to a tree, prophesized 1000 years before it would happen:

**Psalm 22:12-17 Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round. 13 They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion. 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. 16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. 17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.**

Crucifixion was a Roman procedure that had not been devised when David wrote Psalm 22, a thousand thirty-nine years before Christ's atonement, [see, **Gods Unfolding Eternal Souls**, for reasonable evidence of Christ's atonement when He is 39; [www.thegospelearth.com](http://www.thegospelearth.com)]. Additionally, regarding those moved by the Holy Ghost, God gives us, David, in, Psalm 22, we read, and, Peter, in, 2 Peter 1:20-21:

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These Holy men claimed that what they were declaring was directly from God! "And the Lord said. The Lord hast said. Thus, saith the Lord." These are the phrases we hear throughout the bible! This is because it is not man's word; it is God's word! And because the prophecies were fulfilled, this only gives credence, [authority], through the documented and reliable translations God has provided us we call the Holy Bible!

Many will insist, “but I just can’t believe that! I just can’t go there!” Why? “Because it was written by man”, they will insist. Then you can’t believe anything that is written in any book that man writes; because men wrote it! This of course is ridiculous! You say you can’t believe what men wrote because it might be fallible. Yet, you know your fallible, but you believe you! How can you believe you, and not believe the reliable writings of Holy men of old? What makes you so trustworthy? And, of course, there’s another problem. Some will claim, “I’m a man of science! Unless these things can be proven to me scientifically, I can’t believe!” However, this claim is falsifiable! In the SCIENTIFIC METHOD something has to be OBSERVABLE, MEASURABLE, and REPEATABLE. First, history is not observable, measurable, or repeatable. You don’t use the scientific method to prove historical events. Rather, you use the EVIDENTIARY METHOD. Like you would in a court room.

So, what do you do? **First**, you ask (1) what is the RELIABILITY of sources. **Second**, (2) What is the CORROBORATION of sources. **Third**, (3) What is the INTERNAL and EXTERNAL EVIDENCE that supports these sources. **Forth**, (4) Who are the WITNESSES? **Fifth**, (5) Are they RELIABLE and TRUSTWORTHY witnesses? **Sixth**, (6) Is this FALSIFIABLE? Can it be tested and confirmed? **Seventh** (7) Are there other things that are CONTRADICTING this; or are there other things that are CONFIRMING this? “This is the EVIDENTIARY METHOD that must be used for the historical record!”

When you ask these types of questions you can come away with things like, THREE CONTINENTS, THREE LANGUAGES, over FORTY AUTHORS of which most of whom never met one another. Who write sixty-six volumes that comes in ONE COHESIVE REDEMPTIVE STORY. And it’s written over a period of over 1500 years. Therefore, you have CORROBORATION. You have RELIABILITY. You have 25000 archeological digs related directly to matters discussed in the bible that have CONFIRMED what we find in the Bible. You have CONTEMPORARIES who’ve also confirmed what we find in the Bible. Therefore, the intelligent man is not the one that says, “I simply can’t believe that! That’s the fool (Psalm 14)!” The intelligent and faithful soul says, “I believe the bible is the perfect word from the One who created me, and saves me!”

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Only through His word, and in its entirety, does the Spirit of God reveal to us how He unfolds, and how He designs His Gospel Earth:

**From His Gospel earth  
begins the everlasting gospel:**

**Revelation 14:6 ¶ And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,**

Revelation 14:6, is where the term, “The Gospel Earth”, comes from, which is according to scripture, whereby God designs His salvation program one way, and He does not design it another way:

**Where Jesus is the way:**

**John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

**Where Jesus is The Word of God:**

**Revelation 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.**

**From the beginning God’s Word  
comes in the likeness of sinful flesh:**

**John 1:1-4, 11-14, ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.**  
... 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

**1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.**

From the first Adam come those who believe on the name of the Son of God unto salvation, [*Abel to Seth to Noah, etc.*], who are God's spiritual eye-witnesses. Who prophesy, through Christ's redeeming light in them, according to the True and Living God, the last Adam, Jesus Christ, whose name is called the word of God (Rev 19:13).

God has always revealed His Word, which can be tested and confirmed, or falsified, according to His word. That we might see how it is in truth according to every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

**Matthew 4:4** But he answered and said, it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

**2 Corinthians 13:1** ¶ This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

These three witnesses are the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit! This is true! But when the elect is no longer His witness in all the world, then shall the end come:

**Matthew 24:14** And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

**Revelation 11:7** And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

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