

1  **BIBLICAL INSPIRATION**

2  **What Is the Bible?**

Facts

- "Bible" from "biblia" means "book"
- Actually a Book of books
 - How many?
 - 39 Old Testament?
 - 27 New Testament?
 - Can you say them in order?

3  **How are the books of the Bible ordered?**

- Old Testament:
 - 5 Books of Law – The Law of Moses – The Pentatuch
 - 12 Books of History
 - 5 Books of Wisdom / Poetry
 - Books of Prophecy
 - 5 Major
 - 12 Minor

4  **How are the books of the Bible ordered?**

New Testament

- 5 Books of History
 - The Gospels – The Life of Jesus
 - Acts
 - 21 Letters – Epistles
 - Paul's: to churches and individuals
 - Others': Hebrews, James, Peter, John, Jude
 - 1 Book of Prophecy

5  **What does the world think of the Bible?**

Things that people say about the Bible:

- Its interesting, but it can't all be true.
- It has a lot of good ideas, but it is outdated.
- The men who wrote the Bible were misinformed about many things.
- The Bible has passed through so many hands that it can't be reliable.

6  **What the Bible is.**

- The word of God.

(1 Thessalonians 2:13) For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe. (NKJV)

7  **What the Bible is.**

- The word of God.
- The commandments of God.

(1 Corinthians 14:37) If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord. (NKJV)

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(2 Timothy 3:16) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, (NKJV)

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(2 Timothy 3:17) that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (NKJV)

11  **Inspiration**

- Inspired = "God-breathed"
- Not a feeling, but WORDS

(1 Corinthians 2:12-13) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. (NKJV)

12  **At What Point Did Inspiration Occur?**

Apostles/prophets
Spoken Word/Written Word
 – *Copyists*
 – *Translators*
 – *Revisors*

13  **Level (degree) of Inspiration**

- Mental?
God gave them an idea and they put it in their own words.

- OR
- Verbal?

God chose the words that were used.

– I Corinthians 2:13

– II Peter 1:20-21

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18  **How Do We Know It's God's Word?**

Evidence of Inspiration

- Unity
 - 1500 years
 - 66 books
 - Over 40 writers
- Accuracy
 - Scientific
 - Historical

19  **How Do We Know It's God's Word?**

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- Prophecy
- Miracles – Hebrews 2:3-4
- Lives of early Christians

20  **If the Bible is God's verbally inspired word:**

- Why are there different writing styles?
- Why are there so many English translations?
- What should we value most in a translation?
- What should we seek to learn from word studies?
- How important is it to spend time studying it?

21  **What God's Word means to YOU:**

(John 6:63) "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. (NKJV)

22  **What God's Word means to YOU:**

(Acts 11:13-14) "And he told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, 'Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter, 'who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.' (NKJV)

23  **What God's Word means to YOU:**

(James 1:21) Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. (NKJV)