

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

A. Its Origin

1 Inspired	"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17
2 Holy Spirit	"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." John 16:13
3 Holy Men	"for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." 2 Peter 1:21

B. It's Purpose:

1 Keep us from Sin	"Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!" Psalm 119:11
2 Lights our Way	"Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path." Psalm 119:105
3 Enlightens us	"and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:15
4 Instructs us	"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17
5 Purifies us	"Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart" 1 Peter 1:22
6 Frees us	"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32
7 Saves us	"Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." James 1:21

C. It's Completeness:

1 All truth	"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." John 16:13
2 All Things	"as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue" 2 Peter 1:3
3 Whole counsel of God	"For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God." Acts 20:27

D. It's Indestructibility

1 Endures forever	"But the word of the Lord endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you." 1 Peter 1:25
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E. The Bible Warns:

1 Do not add to nor subtract from	<p>"You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you." Deuteronomy 4:2</p> <p>"Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar." 2 Proverbs 30:6</p> <p>"For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone</p>
2 Do not substitute human ideas	<p>"And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." 8 "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do." 9 He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. Mark 7:7-9</p>
3 Preach and teach only God's word	<p>"Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching." 2 Timothy 4:2</p> <p>"If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:11</p>
4 Believe no other gospel	"But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed." Galatians 1:8
5 His word will judge us	"He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day." John 12:48

F. **The Bible Answers Three Questions:**

¹ The Origin of life - From where did I come?	In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1
² The Purpose of life - Why am I here?	"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all." Ecclesiastes 12:13
³ After death, what then? - Where am I going?	(Lazurus and the rich man) Luke 16:19-31

G. **The Bible Contains:**

¹ 1. The mind of God	But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.12 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.13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.16 For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:9-16
² The State of Man	"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23
The Way of Salvation	"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—" John 14:16
³ The Happiness of Believers	"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!" Philippians 4:4
⁴ The Doom of Sinners	"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." Revelation 21:8