

THE INFALLIBLE WORD OF GOD (WE BELIEVE SERIES – PART 1)

One of Open Bible's main goals is to bring people to Jesus, but coming to Jesus is just the beginning.

The goal is really to grow in maturity and unity in the faith.

The goal is to know the Lord and to serve Him.

This is a life-long process that involves the Bible and the Holy Spirit.

We must have the Holy Spirit to understand what the Bible is really saying.

We at Open Bible Center believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and is the only infallible guide and rule of our faith and practice.

The Bible is above everything else.

The Bible is divided into two sections; the old testament (covenant) and the new testament (covenant).

The old testament has 39 books and the new testament has 27 books, 66 books total.

In 1250 AD the books of the Bible were divided into chapters.

About 300 years later the chapters were divided into verses.

The Bible was written by many different authors over a long period of time, about 1600 years.

Yet the Holy Spirit put it all together.

Even though the Bible was written by men, the words are not from men.

Every word in the Bible came from God.

This is called the plenary verbal inspiration of scripture.

Meaning the inspiration was in great detail, down to the exact words, not just in concept or idea.

Canon means a collection or list of sacred books accepted as genuine.

Someone had to decide which writings were accepted as scripture.

By the end of the second century, the books of the old testament were agreed upon.

There was also early widespread agreement among Christians regarding the new testament canon of scripture.

The original writings were written on materials that deteriorated over time, so they had to be copied many times over.

Scribes took great pains to make sure there were no errors whatsoever in any of the copies.

God is faithful to preserve His word.

Because the Bible is the inspired word of God it has powerful enemies.

It is the most loved book and the most hated book of all ages.

Each one of us must discover for him or herself that the Bible is true.

If you believe in God, it make sense that He would reveal His truth in His word.

Three types of evidence that the Bible is the true and infallible word of God:

1. The accuracy of history in the Bible.
2. The accuracy of prophecy in the Bible.
3. The accuracy of science in the Bible.

The Bible is the best guide for decision making and values formation.

The Bible should be the basis for our world view, how we view the world around us.

Our actions, not our words, show what we really believe.

The Bible is full of promises, over 8,800 promises, 7,700 are personal words of God for you.

Most of God's promises are conditional.

You must meet His conditions to receive his promise.

The Bible is meant to be personal.

Do something more with the Bible than what you are doing now.

SCRIPTURE LIST

Ephesians 6:14

Ephesians 4:13-14

2 Peter 1:21

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Isaiah 59:21

Jeremiah 1:9

1 Peter 1:25

Psalms 119:89

Isaiah 40:8

John 1:1-18

Matthew 28:18

Ephesians 2:20

Exodus 5:7

Daniel 2

Isaiah 40:22

1 Kings 8:56

2 Chronicles 7:14