

BUILDING A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

The Reliability of the Bible

2 Timothy 3:15-16

¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I. Where Did the Bible Come From?

The Bible came from God, by the Holy Spirit, through men, to humankind.

The 66 books of the Bible are known as the _____, meaning _____.

Criteria for Canonicity

1. _____ Origin
2. _____ Acceptance
3. _____ Use
4. _____ Message

II. Christians, Scripture, and Worldview

Christians' Ultimate _____ Is the Word of God

Christians accept God's revelation of himself in _____.

As God's word, the Bible is the ultimate standard of _____.

Non-Christians Do Not Recognize the Authority of the Word of God

- *Romans 8:7*
- *Romans 1*
- *John 3*

Christians Should Skillfully Use Scripture in Defense of Their Worldview

1. Using Scripture challenges the postmodern idea that _____.
2. Scripture is always _____.
3. Scripture contains in many places its own arguments for the _____ of its claims.

III. How Do We Explain *Why* We Believe the Bible Is True?

The New Testament documents are Historically Reliable and Credible

A. _____ of Message

B. _____ Consistency

Framework:

- Scripture is always *true*, but not always _____.
- First and second causes do not exclude _____.
- Don't hold the Bible to what it doesn't _____.
- Different accounts do not imply _____.

C. _____ Consistency

Jesus' Character is Shown To Be Trustworthy

Liar

Lunatic

Legend

Lord

Jesus Claims that the Old and New Testament Books were the Word of God

Old Testament

(John 10:34, Matthew 22, prophecy of Old Testament, Matthew 19, Romans 1)

New Testament

(John 7:16, Matthew 24:35, Matt 7:29, Matt 10:19-20, John 14:26, John 16:12-13, Acts 1:8)

IV. Rebuttals to Common “Charges” Against The Bible

1. *“The Bible is Full of Myths.”*
2. *“The Bible Conflicts with Science.”*
3. *“The Bible is Full of Contradictions.”*
4. *“The Bible is Historically Inaccurate.”*