

# Truth in Focus

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## The Bible – The Treasury of Truth

### I. AUTHORSHIP

- God is the author of the Bible; He used 40 men over 1600 years to write down exactly what He wanted.
- The Bible is the only book in the world that was authored by God. (*2 Tim.3:16; 2 Pet.1:20,21; Is.43:1; Jer.23:2-6; Zech.1:3; 12:1-3*)

### II. AUTHENTICITY

- The text of the Old Testament was validated by the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls.
- The text of the New Testament is validated by 5000 Greek manuscripts dating back to the early 2<sup>nd</sup> century.

### III. ACCURACY

- The text of both testaments is known with greater than 99% accuracy; uncertainties having no effect on truth.
- Recent Bible translations (NIV, NASB, etc.) embody the discoveries of the oldest Greek manuscripts.

### IV. AFFIRMATION

The truth of the Scriptures is affirmed by internal evidence, by Christ, by the testimony of the ages, by historical and archeological discoveries, and by prophetic fulfillment.

(*Mat.5:18; 12:40; 24:37,38; Mk.12:26,27; Ex.3:6*)

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## V. ACCEPTANCE

- A book was included in the canon of Scripture on the basis that it was inspired by God.
- Believers accepted a book as inspired based on its claims of authority, its prophetic authorship, its authentic truth content, and its active life changing nature.

## VI. AUTHORITY

- Because God is the author of the Bible it is absolute truth without error and is authoritative in all matters of which it speaks.
- It is a solid foundation upon which to build one's life.

## VII. APPLICATION

Some of the key Truth Claims of the Bible:

- One triune God revealed as Father Son and Holy Spirit;
- All are born sinners separated from a holy God;
- Jesus Christ is the only savior,  
    He is the only way for man to be reconciled to God,  
    He alone gives eternal life in Heaven (*John 14:6*);
- Christ's death on the cross fully paid our sin debt;
- Christ rose bodily from the grave;
- Individuals are saved by faith in Christ's cross work;
- God the Holy Spirit indwells all believers.