

Southern Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

“Apologetics – Authority of Scripture”

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Vocabulary:

Inerrancy – without any mixture of error in the original manuscripts. John 17:17

Infallible – Inability to err in teaching revealed truth. The Bible cannot contain errors. 1 Tim 3:15; 2 Tim 3:15-16; Ps 19:7

Inspiration – Breathed out by God. The Word of God is inspired, not the writers of Scripture. 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21

Illumination - The process by which God, through the Holy Spirit, makes plain to the believer the message and meaning of the Scriptures. 1 Cor 2:14-15

Revelation – Things that God revealed that would have never been known otherwise. Rev 1:1

Followers of Jesus Christ believe that God has revealed himself in two ways to mankind. First, he revealed himself in the Scriptures and in the Savior, in the written Word and in the living Word of God.¹

How do we know that the Bible is from God?

1. Preservation
2. Archaeology
3. Fulfilled Prophecy
4. Transformed Lives
5. The Spirit of God Makes it Real

Major Questions Against Christianity and the Bible:

1. Who wrote the Bible?
2. Did the White man write the Bible?
3. Did King James write the Bible?
4. Why are there books of the Bible that are missing?
5. Why are there so many versions or translations of the Bible?

¹ Geisler, Norman L. Christian Apologetics, Baker Books, 353

How comfortable are you with defending what you believe about the Scriptures?

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How often do you encounter people who question the authority or validity of the Scriptures?

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Where do you have the most room for growth in apologetics in the authority of Scriptures?

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How do you feel about those who are excluded from salvation without faith in Christ?

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What will you do today to become a better apologist of Scripture?

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What have you gathered, from this study, that God wants you to do concerning apologetics and the Authority of Scripture?

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