

CAN I REALLY TRUST THE BIBLE?

Part 1 How We Got It.

• REVELATION:

The action of God whereby he reveals himself and his will to others.
We could not know this if God did not choose to actively reveal it.

However, as it is written: **"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" – but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.**

2 Corinthians 2:9-10

•Creation •Conscience •Christ •Canon

• INSPIRATION:

When Spirit-moved men wrote God-breathed words that were divinely authoritative for Christian faith and practice. It is the product that is inspired and not the writers themselves.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:20-21

• PRESERVATION:

The act of God whereby he protects Scriptures from both internal corruption and external destruction.

**Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will never pass away.**

Matthew 24:35

• CANONIZATION:

The process by which books were recognized and collected to form our 66 book Bible.

• REPLICATION:

The copying of the inspired writings.

• IDENTIFICATION:

The identification of the exact reading of the text of Scripture.

• TRANSLATION:

Translating the Bible into a receptor language.

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If we don't do these next two steps well, then the whole of what has transpired before this, to bring the Bible to us, is of little personal value.

• INTERPRETATION:

The science of understanding the message of the Bible.

Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15 NLT

• APPLICATION:

Applying the meaning of the text to life.

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 ESV