

# **Why Believe the Bible?**

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Series: *Knowing the Unknown—Confidence in God's Plan*

*“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”*

*Matthew 7:24–27 ESV*

1. True Success or Failure in life is determined by the \_\_\_\_\_ that guide your life.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ will reveal what is real and what is not.
3. Building you life on the right foundation takes \_\_\_\_\_.

## **I. The Bible Claims \_\_\_\_\_**

### **1. The Bible Claims to be the \_\_\_\_\_**

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

*2 Timothy 3:16–17 ESV*

### **2. It Claims God Communicated \_\_\_\_\_**

*“knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”*

*2 Peter 1:20–21 ESV*

### **3. It Claims Even the \_\_\_\_\_ Are God Spoken.**

*We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.”*

*1 Corinthians 2:12–13 NIV84*

**II. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**15 Ways the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Books
2. Written over a span of \_\_\_\_\_ years.
3. Written over \_\_\_\_\_ generations.
4. Written by over \_\_\_\_\_ from every walk of life.
5. Written in \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. Written at \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. Written during \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. Written on \_\_\_\_\_ .
9. Written in three \_\_\_\_\_ .
10. Written in Different \_\_\_\_\_ .
11. Cover C \_\_\_\_\_ Subjects.
12. It is unique in its C \_\_\_\_\_ .
13. It is unique in its T \_\_\_\_\_ .
14. It is unique in its S \_\_\_\_\_ .
15. It has survived P \_\_\_\_\_ .

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Caesar's <i>Gallic Wars</i>	100-44 BC	AD 900	1,000	10
Livy's <i>History of Rome</i>	59 BC-AD 17			20
Plato (Tetralogies)	427-347 BC	900 AD	1,200	7
Tacitus (Annuals)	100 AD	1100 AD	1000	20
also minor works	100 AD	1000 AD	900	1
Pliny the Younger (History)	61-113 AD	850 AD	750	7
Thucydides' <i>History</i>	460-400 BC	AD 900	1,300	8
Suetonius (De Vita Caesarum)	75-160 AD	950 AD	800	8
Herodotus' <i>History</i>	480-425 BC	AD 900	1,300	8
Sophocles	496-406 BC	1000 AD	1,400	193
Aristotle	384-322 BC	1100 AD	1,400	49
Homer (Iliad)	900 BC	400 BC	500	643
The New Testament	40-100 AD	AD 125	25	24,000
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**Where Am I Placing My Confidence?**

*"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him,  
 "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,  
 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.""*  
*John 8:31-32 ESV*