

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

For us to know God, we have the invisible Holy Spirit and the visible Bible. The Bible is the unique book. The word Bible comes from the Greek word *biblos*, which means “the book.”

1). Who wrote the Bible?

GOD:	MAN:	SPIRIT:
<p>2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.</p> <p>-Scripture did not come from man, but from God, breathing His thoughts and will into man.</p> 	<p>2 Peter 1:21 For no prophecy was ever borne by the will of man, but men spoke from God while being borne by the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>-Men spoke God through the Spirit, not of themselves.</p> <p>-Inspired by the Spirit, God spoke His own words through the prophets.</p> <p>-Further References: 2 Samuel 23:2, Exodus 34:27</p>	<p>John 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of reality, comes, He will guide you into all the reality; for He will not speak from Himself, but what He hears He will speak; and He will declare to you the things that are coming.</p> <p>-The Spirit will only reveal what He has heard from the Father.</p> <p>-i.e. The Gospels were all written by the disciples, through what was revealed to them by the Spirit.</p> <p>-Further References: Mark 12:36</p>

Every word in the Bible is from God: in the Old Testament, it was spoken through His prophets who were in their spirits. In the New Testament, they are directly spoken through Jesus, or through His disciples (Heb. 1:1-2).

How is the Bible unique?

The Bible was written over the course of 1500 years. No other progressive narrative in human history has taken longer to write. It was written in three different languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. It was composed by over 40 different authors from multiple backgrounds, including kings, fishermen, tax collectors, a cupbearer, prophets, and physician. It was written on different continents and even mentions many controversial topics. Yet, despite all these, the Bible is a harmonious body of work. The Bible has the highest circulation of any book in history, and has been translated into more languages than any other book.

2). What is the purpose of the Bible?

TESTIMONY OF JESUS: **John 5:39** You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that testify concerning Me.

-The words in the Bible testify of the Lord: the Old Testament, through the Law, Prophets, and Psalms, mentions Him in prophecies; the New Testament mentions His life on earth and how to know Him spiritually.

-Further References: **John 20:31**



FOR OUR GROWTH: **2 Timothy 3:15** And that from a babe you have known the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

-The Bible shows us how God came to save man in Christ Jesus through our faith in Him.

-Further references: **1 Peter 1:23** – regenerates man

Matthew 4:4 But He answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God."

-The Bible becomes our food, our spiritual nourishment, necessary for life.

-As we mature, we grow from spiritual milk to solid foods.

-Further references: **1 Peter 2:2-3, Jeremiah 15:16, Job 23:12b, Hebrews 5:13-14**



COMPLETING US: **Romans 15:4** For the things that were written previously were written for our instruction, in order that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

-The Word also encourages us to endure through trials.

-As we are corrected, instructed, we are made complete in God.

-Further References: **1 Corinthians 10:11, 2 Timothy 3:16-17**