

Belief #1 **The Bible is the Inspired Word of God**

We believe that the entire Bible — both Old and New Testaments — is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. It is the ultimate standard for Christian faith and practice, and everything it affirms is true.

Reason 1 Scripture claims direct divine inspiration

The Bible itself declares that all of its writings are “breathed out” by God — the Greek word theopneustos meaning God-breathed — and are therefore profitable for teaching, correction, and training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16–17

"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."

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Reason 2 The Holy Spirit moved human authors to write

Peter affirms that the biblical authors were not sharing their own ideas — rather, they were carried along by the Holy Spirit, ensuring the divine origin of the message despite its human delivery.

2 Peter 1:20–21

"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."

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Reason 3 God's word is eternal and will never pass away

Jesus himself affirmed the permanent, enduring nature of Scripture — not even the smallest letter or stroke would disappear until everything is fulfilled, pointing to its divine and unbreakable authority.

Matthew 5:18

"For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."

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Isaiah 40:8

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

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Reason 4 Jesus treated Scripture as the authoritative word of God

When tempted by Satan in the wilderness, Jesus responded each time by quoting Scripture — saying “It is written...” — demonstrating his own unwavering trust in the Bible as the final, authoritative word from God.

Matthew 4:4

“Jesus answered, ‘It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

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Reason 5 Scripture is the standard for truth and cannot be broken

Jesus declared that the Scripture cannot be broken — it is the measure of truth, and he specifically prayed that his followers would be sanctified through it, affirming its divine and trustworthy character.

John 17:17

“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”

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John 10:35

“...the Scripture cannot be set aside...”

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Reason 6 The Psalms affirm Scripture as pure and perfect

Psalm 19 beautifully describes the word of God as perfect, trustworthy, right, and radiant — characteristics that reflect a divine rather than merely human origin.

Psalms 19:7–8

“The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.”

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Reason 7 God’s word accomplishes his divine purposes

Through the prophet Isaiah, God declares that his word goes forth from him and will not return empty — it will achieve the purpose for which he sent it, underlining the divine intention and power behind Scripture.

Isaiah 55:11

“So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

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Summary — Belief #1

- **Scripture claims its own divine inspiration** — 2 Timothy 3:16–17 is the foundational “self-testimony” verse most churches cite first.
- **The Holy Spirit carried the human authors** — 2 Peter 1:20–21 explains the mechanism of inspiration.
- **God’s word is eternal** — Matthew 5:18 and Isaiah 40:8 point to its permanence.
- **Jesus himself trusted and quoted Scripture** — Matthew 4:4 shows his own view of the Bible’s authority.
- **Scripture cannot be broken** — John 10:35 and 17:17 reflect Jesus calling it truth.
- **The Psalms praise its perfection** — Psalm 19:7–8 is rich, poetic support.
- **God’s word accomplishes his purposes** — Isaiah 55:11 speaks to its divine power and intentionality.