

# The Word of God is a Sure Foundation

2 Peter 1:11-21

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Key Thought: It is to your \_\_\_\_\_ to live your life in \_\_\_\_\_

Point #1 of Grace Church doctrinal statement:

**We believe that the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God and, therefore, inerrant in the original manuscripts. The Bible is our unchanging, final, and complete basis for doctrine. *II Timothy 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:20,21; John 17:17; Matthew 5:18; John 12:47-48; John 15:12-13; Hebrews 1:1-2; Hebrews 4:12; I Peter 1:25; Psalm 119:89.***

**I. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ fulfillment of \_\_\_\_\_**

There are several terms which need defining.

- Prophetic word = To all of Scripture, which at that time was the Old Testament. Yet there was an awareness that God was in the process of writing more. E.g. Peter mentions the writings of Paul (2 Peter 3:15-17)
- Until the day dawns = The point at which Christ returns to establish the eternal kingdom
- Morning star = a designation of Jesus Christ. There are references through the OT about a rise. One example is Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

A. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ of OT Scripture.  
(John 5:39; Luke 24:27)

B. Peter and the \_\_\_\_\_ Word. (Acts 3:17-26)

C. Jesus was aware He was \_\_\_\_\_ and appointed the Apostles to \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Mt. 5:39-39; Mark 13:31; John 14:6; Matthew 28:18-20)

2. Jesus appointed \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Luke 6:13-16; John 14:24-26; John 16:12-14)

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

It is important to point out at this point that Jesus used the same OT that we use. It was called the Tanach.

The Hebrew canon has traditionally had 24 books which include all of our 39 and no more, and these are divided into three sections: Law, Prophets, and Writings (Tanach: Torah, Nebiim, Chetuvim)

Torah: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

Prophets: Joshua, Judges, Samuel (1/2), Kings (1/2), Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, The Minor Prophets (= one book: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi)

Writings: Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Ruth, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, Esther, Daniel, Ezra-Nehemiah (= one book), Chronicles (1/2)

Thus the canon of the Jews began with Genesis and ended with 2 Chronicles, not (as we have it today) with Malachi. Our order follows the Greek translation of the Old Testament called the Septuagint, but the earliest Christian witnesses as well as Josephus and Philo (who used the LXX but did not accord the Apocrypha authority) show that the Apocryphal books included in the LXX were not counted as canonical.

A. The Bible is not the result \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The Bible is the result of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(2 Peter 1:21)

C. How did we get our bible in its present form?

1. There was an \_\_\_\_\_ from God.  
(1 Kings 22:19; Isaiah 1:10; 2 Peter 3:15; Hebrews 2:3-4))

2. There was \_\_\_\_\_ from God.  
(Luke 1:1-2; Ephesians 3:5; Colossians 4:16)

3. The criteria for recognition as being God's Word.

1) Written by \_\_\_\_\_

2) Conformity with the \_\_\_\_\_

3) Widespread and \_\_\_\_\_

### So What?

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Ti 3:14-17 (ESV)

God has \_\_\_\_\_ and He has not \_\_\_\_\_

How much time \_\_\_\_\_

**You ought to fall in love with the words of this book.** They are peace to a troubled soul; they are comfort to the afflicted. They are a light unto your feet; they are the doorway of eternity with your Creator. They contain the source of salvation to all that believe.

We are able to hold in our hands the very words of God who took time to communicate with the people of His creation. The process in which we have received it is one of credibility and reliability.

Twenty-one day experiment: \_\_\_\_\_

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