



"GET A GRIP ON YOUR FAITH"



DOCTRINE #1: THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED

Why Study Bible Doctrine?

- **Bible doctrine helps us...**
 - ▶ know *what* we believe
 - ▶ know *why* we believe it
 - ▶ believe what we know
 - ▶ act on what we believe

- **Doctrine helps us help others.**
 - ▶ Bible doctrine helps us fulfill **I Peter 3:15**.

 - ▶ Clearly understood doctrine cuts through confusion and gives us a concrete foundation to our convictions. A systematic understanding of Scripture helps us concisely share our faith and hope with others.

The Bible is our Foundation for Faith

- **The Bible is an amazing Book! Check out these facts:**
 - ▶ The Bible was written in two languages: **Hebrew** and **Greek**.
 - ▶ The Bible was written by over **40** different authors.
 - ▶ The Bible was written over a period of about **1600** years.
 - ▶ The Bible contains a library of **66** books.
(There are **39** books in the Old Testament and **27** books in the New Testament.)
 - ▶ The Bible is not 2 stories, 40 stories or 66 stories, but one great unified story!

- **The word "testament" means ...**
"covenant" or "agreement"

The Bible is Inspired, Inerrant, Infallible, and Authoritative



Statement of Faith #1

We believe the Scriptures – both the Old and New Testaments – are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct.

- We believe in **Verbal Plenary Inspiration**. Every word is inspired by God! What does this mean?
 - ▶ Verbal
 - ▶ Plenary
 - ▶ Inspiration
(2 Peter 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:16)

- What about the words of Satan?
- Were the Bible writers like robots?

- We see **proofs of Inspiration** in Jesus' testimony as well as the apostles' testimony:

... Jesus' testimony	... Apostles' testimony
... Unity of Message	... Circulation
... Changed Lives	... Timelessness
... Fulfillment of Prophecy	... Preservation

- The Bible is no ordinary book. Read Heb. 4:12.

- We believe the Bible is ...
 - ▶ **Inerrant** – free of error
 - ▶ **Infallible** – absolutely trustworthy or sure
 - ▶ **Authoritative** – having the sanction or weight of authority
(2 Tim. 3:16)

Bible Study must be our Life-Long Pursuit

2 Timothy 2:15 - "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."