#### Reasons to Believe the Bible

## **Because The Bible Is Historically True**

Bible is not a world or secular history book, nor does it claim to be

It is a historical revelation of how God has worked to bring His scheme for the redemption of men into being. In times past some of the claims to discredit the Bible have been that it was wrong on certain points of history, i.e. there were no such people as the Hittites (Joshua, Judges, Kings, Chronicles) and that Sergius Paulus could not have been a proconsul (deputy, KJV) for Cyprus never had proconsuls. (Acts 13)

When the archaeologist did their work and the truth was in, it has been proven that there was a great Hittite nation and that Cyprus had proconsuls at the very time the Bible says Sergius Paulus was one.

Many other historical objections to the Bible have been made, but when the whole truth has been discovered, in every case, the Bible has been proven correct.

We can believe the Bible is the Word of God because it is historically true.

# **Because The Bible Is Scientifically Correct**

Bible does not purport to be a textbook on material science, it is a textbook on religion

However, now and then it does touch on scientific truths and principles.

It was written hundreds of years before men began to postulate modern science, yet it is scientifically accurate.

Modern science has never disproved any statements of the Bible, but it has proven and demonstrated hundreds of statements of the Bible to be true

The Bible is true and not at variance with true science.

The God that created the world is the same God that inspired the Bible, one does not contradict the other.

We can believe that the Bible is the Word of God because it is scientifically accurate.

# Because The Gospel of Jesus Christ Is a Certified Gospel

Galatians 1:11-12 For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

It is an approved gospel.

It is certified by miracles that were done to confirm the Word as being from God.

Mark 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed. Hebrews 2:3-4 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

The miracles that confirmed the gospel (the New Testament) testify that the Jews had the oracles (the Word of God) of God.

**Romans 3:1-2** Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.

We can believe the Bible is the Word of God because it is certified by heaven.

#### Because Jesus Christ Is the Son of God

John 20:30-31 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. The miracles Jesus did testify and prove Him to be Deity.

As Deity He quoted from or referred to books of Old Testament and revealed by Holy Spirit the New Testament. **John 16:13** But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

We can believe the Bible to be the Word of God because Jesus, who is Deity, approved it.

### Because Jesus Rose from The Dead On the Third Day After His Crucifixion Never to Die Again

There are three substantial proofs of His resurrection:

The empty tomb

John 20:1-8

His appearances after resurrection: Mary Magdalene, Peter, the women, ten apostles, two men on their way to Emmaus, eleven apostles, over five hundred brethren, the disciples in Galilee and Saul of Tarsus.

#### 1Corinthians 15; Gospels

His resurrection was the fulfillment of prophecy

Psalms 16:10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.

### Acts 2:25-32

Paul said that the resurrection proved Jesus to be the Son of God. Thus, as Deity, He approved the Old Testament and established the New Testament.

**Acts 17:31** because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.

We can believe the Bible is the Word of God because Jesus was resurrected from the dead.

Why would you not believe???

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