

Truth Detectors # 2: The Truth About the Bible

2 Timothy 3:14-17

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Key Truth: Unity is of the utmost importance in the church.

Bible Truth # 1: You must faithfully study the Bible. (Vs. 14)

- Errors in theology are caused by ignorance of the Bible. (Matthew 22:29, 2 Timothy 3:6-7)
- The content of the Bible is perfect truth ... God's truth. (John 17:17)
- The Bible was written to teach us. (Romans 15:4)

Bible Truth # 2: The Bible is a "roadmap" for life that leads people to Jesus Christ. (Vs. 15)

- All of the Old Testament points to Jesus. (Luke 24:44-46)
- Jesus verified this with His own Words. (John 5:39)
- Jesus is God's ultimate Word ... His final statement! (Hebrews 1:1-2)

Bible Truth # 3: The Bible is inspired by God. (v. 16a)

Important Theology Word – **INSPIRATION. It is the supernatural influence of the Holy Spirit on the Scripture writers which made their writings the actual Word of God.

- "God-breathed" is the perfect description of the Bible.
- The Bible, as God's Word, never changes. It lasts forever. (1 Peter 1:25)

Biblical Truth # 4: The Bible is without error. (Vs. 16a)

Important Theology Word – **INERRANCY. Inerrancy means that the Bible is fully truthful in all of its teachings.

- God is the author of the Bible ... that means it cannot contain any error or untruth. (1 John 1:5)
- God has revealed Himself to us in this written revelation. (2 Peter 1:19-21)
- Any belief short of inerrancy leaves us with no foundation for our faith.

Bible Truth # 5: The Bible is our guidebook for Christian living. (Vs. 16b-17)

- It is life-changing and dynamic. (Hebrews 4:12)
- The goal of the Bible is not information ... it is transformation. (Colossians 1:6)
- In all areas of our lives, we must always ask, “What does the Bible say?”

LIFE Applications

1. You must believe that the Bible is the inspired, inerrant word of God.
2. You must adopt the Bible as your guidebook for living.
3. You must faithfully and systematically study the Bible in order to know the Author.
4. You must understand that there can be no compromise in this doctrine. Rejection of the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible makes it just another historical book.