



Rooted in Scripture - Pointing to Jesus

BIBLE CONFIDENCE

Knowing God: His Heart, Character, Plan, and Care

A focused overview of God's faithfulness, presence, love, holiness, wisdom, and care

The Short Answer

Scripture reveals one true God whose heart is faithful, whose character is holy and loving, whose plan is wise, and whose care reaches His people in every season. These truths are not separate ideas; together they help us know, trust, worship, and follow God through Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 · 2 Peter 1:19-21 · Luke 1:1-4 · John 20:30-31

Opening Memory Anchor

God is faithful, present, holy, loving, wise, and caring; every part of His character leads us to trust Him more.



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1. Begin With an Honest Question

Questions about the Bible do not have to be treated as rebellion. Christians are called to seek truth, test claims, and love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

The goal is not to win an argument or chase every objection at once. State the real question clearly, read the relevant passages, and follow the evidence with humility.

Read in context: Proverbs 18:13, 17; Acts 17:11



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2. What Does the Bible Claim?

The Bible presents itself as God's authoritative Word communicated through human authors. It tells one story of creation, sin, covenant, redemption, Jesus, and the hope of new creation.

Calling Scripture true does not flatten its genres. Narrative, poetry, wisdom, prophecy, Gospel, letter, and vision must each be read according to the writer's purpose.

Read in context: 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Luke 1:1-4



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3. The Bible Is Rooted in History

Scripture makes claims about real people, places, communities, rulers, and events. Archaeology and ancient sources can illuminate that setting and sometimes correct careless claims that the Bible is detached from history.

Historical support is not the same as proving every theological conclusion. It is one important line of evidence considered alongside the Bible's message, manuscript tradition, and testimony concerning Jesus.

Read in context: Luke 3:1-2; Acts 17:22-34



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4. Can the Text Be Examined?

The biblical text was copied by hand before printing, and manuscripts contain variations. Many are minor; important questions are often identified openly in responsible Bible footnotes.

Because numerous manuscripts, translations, and early quotations survive, scholars can compare evidence rather than guess what earlier copies said. The evidence is public and can be examined carefully.

Read in context: Isaiah 40:8; Mark 16:9-20; John 7:53-8:11



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5. One Story, Many Authors

The Bible was written across centuries by authors in different cultures and settings, yet it carries forward one unified saving story. This does not erase the individuality of the books; it shows how they fit within God's larger purpose.

Jesus stands at the center of that story. The Old Testament gives promises, patterns, and hopes that the New Testament identifies as fulfilled in Him.

Read in context: Luke 24:25-27; John 5:39-40; Hebrews 1:1-4



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6. The Testimony About Jesus

The central Christian claim is not simply that the Bible is an interesting religious book. It is that Jesus lived, died for sin, rose bodily from the dead, and is Lord.

The New Testament grounds that message in early testimony, public proclamation, and witnesses. If Jesus rose, His teaching and His view of Scripture deserve serious attention.

Read in context: John 20:30-31; Acts 2:22-36; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8



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Want to Go Deeper?

A cumulative case does not depend on one discovery or one argument proving everything by itself. It recognizes that many lines of evidence - historical, textual, theological, and personal - point toward the same conclusion.

Faith is more than agreeing that evidence exists. It is personal trust in the truthful God who has made Himself known supremely in Jesus Christ.

Read in context: Romans 10:9-13; 1 Peter 3:15-16



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8. How to Investigate Responsibly

Read more than one source. Notice whether a claim represents opposing views fairly. Distinguish evidence from inference, and do not let fear, outrage, or the promise of secret knowledge control the process.

Speak with appropriate confidence. Some biblical teachings are clear; some historical details are debated. Honest study can acknowledge both without surrendering what is well supported.

Read in context: Proverbs 25:2; 2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Peter 3:15-16



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9. Respond to What Is True

The Bible's purpose is not merely to provide information. It reveals God, exposes sin, announces the gospel, and calls people to faith, repentance, worship, obedience, and hope.

Begin with a Gospel. Read in context. Write down questions. Ask God for wisdom, and keep returning to Jesus - the One to whom all Scripture points.

Read in context: John 20:30-31; James 1:22-25; Ephesians 2:8-10