



THE BIBLE - GOD'S LIVING WORD

Study 5 Scripture

The Bible is no ordinary book. If you have a scientific mind you will from time to time find fascinating little bits. The Bible contains medical and scientific concepts which are "light years" in advance of the times they were written. Amazing too is the accurate fulfilment of prophesy. But more than all this, as you read it, you will be changed by its penetrating power. The Bible is no ordinary book. This is because every other book is written by people, but the Bible is written by God! This is why it is called the "**WORD OF GOD.**" Complete 1 Thessalonians 2: 13 here:

"When you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it _____
_____ which is indeed at work in you who believe."

THE BIBLE IS "GOD'S WORD"

On the face of it, the Bible is a collection of sixty six books written over a period of two thousand years by a total of forty writers. It is a sacred library, bound together in groups under one cover. But if the Bible was written by people, how is it that we say the Bible is the "Word of God"? Skim over these first few verses of each of the "prophets" (Isaiah to Malachi) and notice what these writers say concerning who the **real** author is. (e.g. Ezekiel 1: 1-3)

Moses wrote the "law." (Genesis to Deuteronomy)

From where (who) did he get the words to write? _____ (See Exodus 24: 4)

"Above all, you must understand that ...

Peter was one of the New Testament writers. What did he say about it? Finish off 2 Peter 1: 20-21 here:

" _____ scripture is God - breathed" (inspired by God)

In fact the **whole of the Bible** is the same. Fill in the missing word from 2 Timothy 3: 16.

So God used holy men to write the Bible, however it was **HE** who gave them the words to say! Now look up these scriptures and tick the correct box.

Matthew 5: 18

The scriptures are accurate even in the smallest detail.

True

False

Isaiah 40: 8

For how long does God's word stand?

Temporary

Forever

Revelation 22: 18-19

May we add anything to God's word or take anything away?

Yes

No

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"All scripture is God-breathed." (2 Timothy 3: 16) That means more than just the fact that scripture was originally inspired by God. Scripture is permanently inspired. **It lives!** It actually is a living active power. Read the following verses and write the verse reference next to the appropriate statement below.

(John 6: 63, John 15: 3, Ephesians 6: 17, Hebrews 4: 12, 1 Peter 1: 23, 1 John 2: 14)

- The word is spirit and life. _____
- You are "born again" of the seed of the living word. _____
- The word of God lives (abides) in you. _____
- The word knows your deepest thoughts intents, and attitudes of heart. _____
- You are made clean by the word. _____
- The word of God is the weapon of the Spirit. _____

MORE WORDS ON "GOD'S WORD"

Do you want to know more about the living power of God's word? Psalm 119 is the longest of the psalms and it's packed with promises and truths concerning God's word. Read Psalm 119 and mark those verses which speak to you most.

(Note: The terms "statutes," "precepts," "decrees," "God's law," "God's word," all mean the same.)

RECOMMENDED VERSIONS

Originally the Bible was written in the ancient languages that were spoken in those days. Today it is translated into approximately three hundred modern languages. English speaking people are especially fortunate because there are so many good English translations to choose from. These studies use the "New International Version" (NIV) in quotations. The "New American," (NASB) the "English Standard" (ESV) and the "King James" (KJV) versions are also compatible with the question and answer formats. Look up the index in the front of your Bible and fill in the picture below where the titles of four books are missing.

