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10 Reasons You Can Trust Your Bible (Part 1)

Three Categories of Evidence of the Bible's Reliability

1. Internal Evidence – evidence from inside the Bible (e.g. prophecies)
2. External Evidence – evidence from outside the Bible (e.g. archeology)
3. Impact Evidence – evidence from the Bible's power to change (e.g. conversion)

1) Manuscripts – God has protected it (Matt 5:18): Through redemptive history, God has preserved His word. Jesus upholds the divine preservation stating that not one iota or letter will change until all is accomplished. Considering the overwhelming number of copies of New Testament scriptures compared to other worldly philosophers, skeptics are not intellectually honest regarding the accuracy and preservation of biblical texts. Over 99% of the texts are identical and known small human errors do not alter the meaning.

A. If God has preserved His word, what does this mean about His character? _____

B. What does Jesus imply when He says that nothing will pass from the law until all is accomplished? What does this mean for how we should view the Bible today? _____

2) Changed Lives (Psalm 19:7, 8): The evidence of the work of the Word is in transforming a spiritually dead person to spiritually alive. The Word revives the soul, makes wise the simple, rejoicing the heart, and enlightening the eyes (Ps 19:7,8). Everyone in Christ is a new creation (2 Cor 5:17), turning away from self and turning to Christ. If you turn to Him, He will in no way cast you away.

C. What are the evidences of a changed life? Can someone claim to be a Christian and not have evidence of a changed life? _____

D. Have you turned from your ways to His ways? How has the truth of the Word changed your life? _____



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- 3) Uniqueness Supernatural nature of the writings (Psalm 138:1, 2) God has exalted His name and His word above all things – His word carries the nature of His character.
- A) Distribution – the bible is the most widely distributed book in the world by an astronomical amount. It is translated into over 700 languages.
 - B) Completeness – there is no other ancient religious writings like the Bible because of its tested history. In other words, the Bible has never been disproven.
 - C) Authenticity – the Bible does not hide the tough or hard parts, speaking with candor and honesty, because it is from God. If it were written solely by men, it would be more favorable of men.
 - E. If God’s Word carries the nature of His character, how should we view His Word? Describe your relationship God’s Word. Do you esteem it above all else? _____

 - F. Some OT prophecies (internal evidence) have already been fulfilled perfectly through redemptive history; how does that inform our view regarding unfulfilled prophecy in Christ’s return?

- 4) The Bible’s Indestructibility (Psalm 119:89) (Is 40:8): The Bible is the most attacked and scrutinized book, yet it stands forever. No other book is as hated, scrutinized, and maligned, yet it has withstood millennia of attempts to destroy the Bible.
- G. Do you come to the indestructibility as a skeptic? What are some practical aspects of recognizing the indestructibility of God’s Word?

 - H. Given the indestructibility of God’s Word, prayerfully consider how you can store up His Word for your life?

- 5) Supernatural Agreement (Psalm 119:96): the agreement of the entire Bible is statistically staggering. The agreement of every book with various authors, writing in different locations, and writing in different languages is a strong indication of a divine author – unlike any other writing because it is from God.
- I. If God is providential in the agreement of His word throughout the whole Bible, what are the implications regarding His providence in your life and His sovereignty (Heb 1:3)? _____

