

The Bible

- **Defined**

- (uppercase) **The collection of sacred writings of the Christian religion, comprising of the Old and New Testaments**
- (lowercase) **Any book, reference work, periodical, etc., accepted as authoritative, informational, or reliable**
- **Referred to in Greek as “*Ta biblia ta hagia*” (the holy books) as early as 223 AD**
- **Ultimately referred to in Latin as “*biblia sacra*” in the middle ages – “The Holy Book, or Bible”**

**Hypocritically
leaves out
“inspired” books?**

**Spiritually accurate
but not historically
accurate?**

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**Cannot or should
not be read or
applied literally?**

**Contains numerous
errors and
contradictions?**

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- **Given that these accusations are always becoming more accepted by society:**
 - **How can we continue to believe in the legitimacy of the Bible?**
 - **How do we address the claims that question the integrity of the Bible?**

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- **How can we continue to believe in the legitimacy of the Bible?**
 - **Do we believe in God and His power?**
 - **Do we believe in the Bible as God's word?**
 - **If yes, we must believe that God, in His power, has the ability to preserve His word as He sees fit.**
 - **We also must believe that God has given us assurance in His word that we can trust that what He has written...**

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- **How can we continue to believe in the legitimacy of the Bible?**
 - **All Scripture is given by God –
II Tim. 3:16-17; I Thess. 2:13**
 - **In addition to being inspired of God, these writers were, or had conferred with, eye witnesses that testified of the truthfulness of all that was written –
Jn. 1:1-10; 20:30-31; 21:24-25; Acts 4:18-22; II Pet. 1:16; I Jn. 1:1-4**

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- **How can we continue to believe in the legitimacy of the Bible?**
 - **These men delivered God's word in unadulterated form and it was obeyed – I Cor. 11:2; 15:3; Gal. 1:6-12; Jude 3**
 - **We are given assurances that we can have certainty concerning the things we believe – Luke 1:1-4; II Tim. 3:14; I Jn. 5:13, 20**

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- **We can, and must, believe in the legitimacy and integrity of the Bible as the word of God...**
 - **If the Bible is not what it claims to be, then we have no real way of knowing how to serve Him – II Tim. 1:8-13**
 - **How do we address the claims that question the integrity of the Bible?**