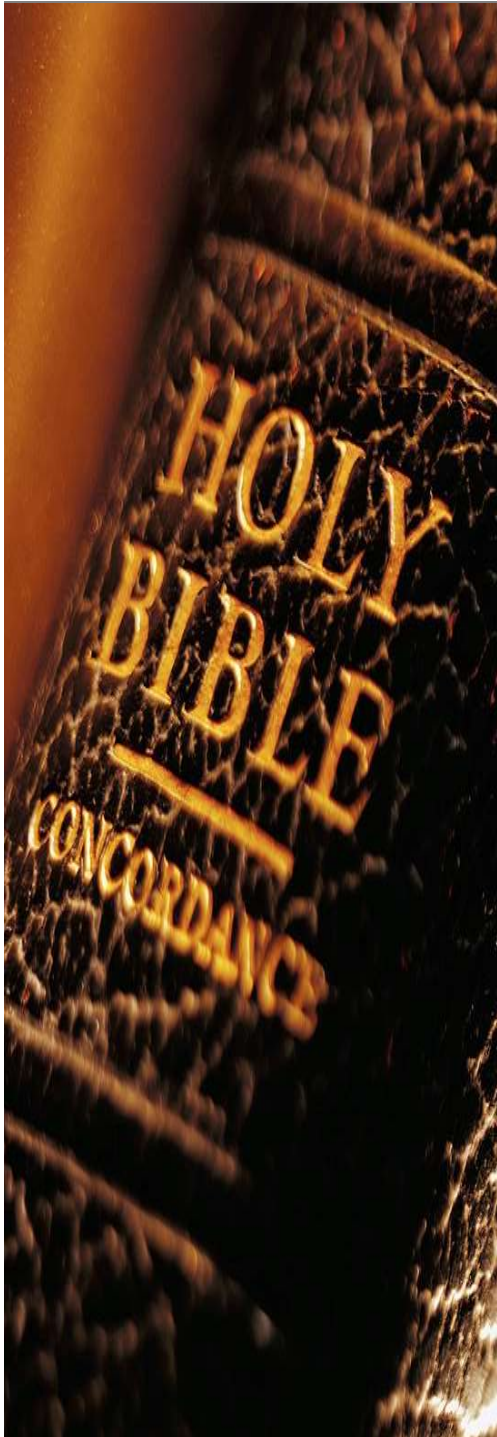


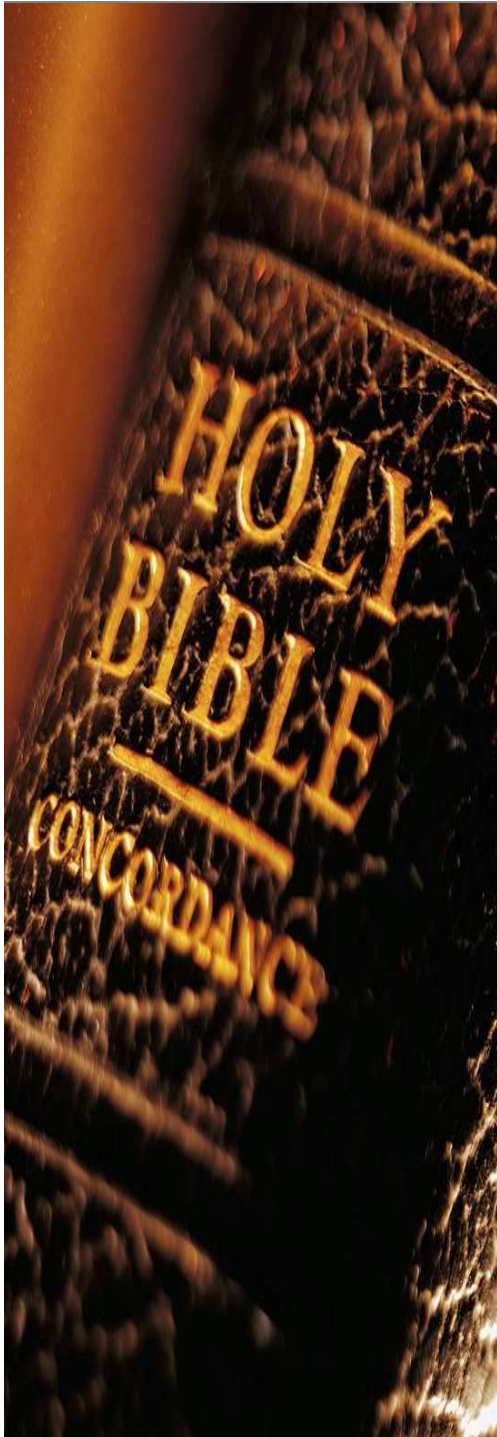


**What do you believe?
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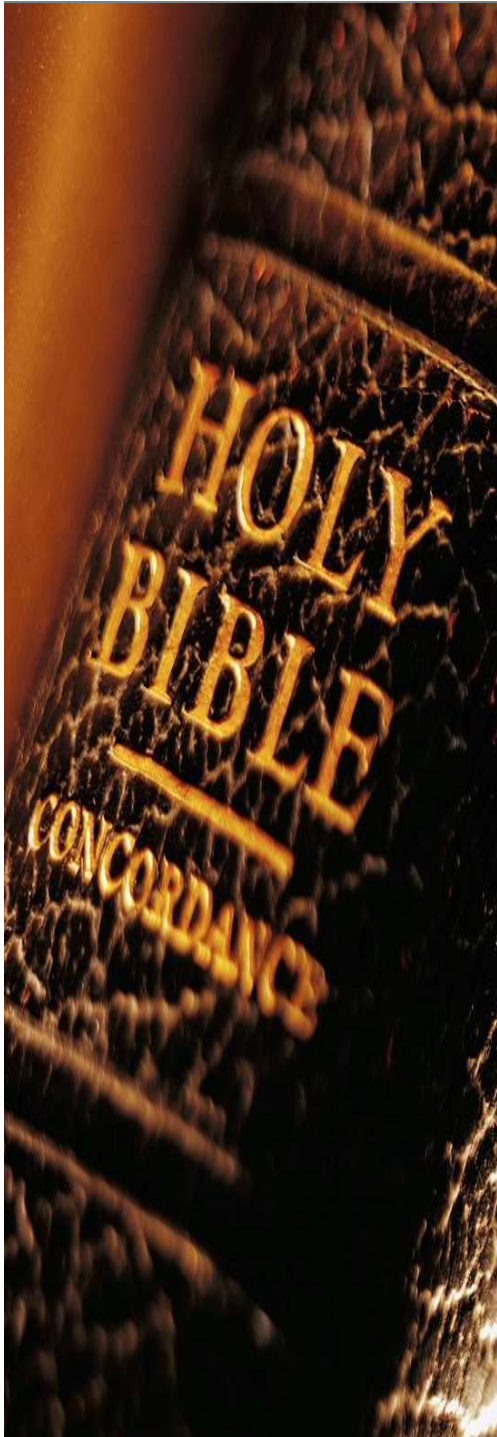
Is the Bible the Word of God?

- **Any text that claims to be from God must be consistent with itself:**
 - **Despite being written by possibly 40 different authors, over a span of at least 1500 years, there is not a single contradiction.**
 - **Some perceive “discrepancies” that, when studied, can be explained or given plausible and logical explanations.**



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- **Out of almost 25,000 Greek fragments and copies, 97% of the differences between copies is either grammatical or accidental.**
- **Of the remaining 3%, none of the differences between manuscript copies changes the meaning of the passages in question.**
- **Compare this to other ancient literature and even other “religious” texts...**



Is the Bible the Word of God?

- Provides means of belief - **John 20:30-31**
- Provides certainty - **Luke 1:1-4**
- Was once for all delivered – no update necessary - **Jude 3**
- Consider that most of the 13 apostles were uneducated fishermen, none became rich, all were persecuted, most even to death...why maintain such a “ruse”?
– **I Thess. 2:13; II Tim. 1:8-13**