

Series: Back to Basics

**The Bible - Can You Trust It?
2 Timothy 3:16-17**

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1. “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you from being priest for me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.” (Hosea 4:6)

- I. The Bible is Inspired. 2 Timothy 3:16-17, “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
 - A. What did Paul mean when he said, “all scripture is given by inspiration...”?
 1. 2 Peter 1:20-21
 - B. Although the Bible was written by men, they were not its ultimate author.
 1. “And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.” 1 Thessalonians 2:13
 - C. But if this really is God’s Word, then we have a responsibility to sit up and listen to what He has to say.

- II. The Bible is Infallible.
 - A. That is to say that everything that it affirms is absolutely true.
 - B. Everything the Bible says historically is true.

- III. The Bible is Sufficient. 2 Timothy 3:14-15, “But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”
 - A. Paul says the scriptures are able to make you wise for salvation.
 - B. There’s an interesting situation described by Jesus in Luke 16.

- IV. The Bible is Authoritative. Isaiah 1:2, “Hear, O heavens! Listen, O earth! For the LORD has spoken.”
 - A. That is to say that when the Bible speaks we had better listen.
 - B. Jeremiah 8:9, “The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken. Behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD; So what wisdom do they have?”

- V. The Bible is Effective. Hebrews 4:12, “For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”
 - A. The Bible is powerful. It changes lives.
 - B. Reading the word of God is not the safest activity in which we can engage.
 1. I Thessalonians 2:13