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“Unashamed –

A Bible Believer” Part 3

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,” 2 Timothy 3:16

A. We believe the Bible is the Word of God...

1. It is divided into two groups, Old and New Testaments with different categories.

Old Testament ~

<u>History:</u>	<u>Poetry:</u>	<u>Prophecy:</u>
Genesis	Job	Isaiah
Exodus	Psalms	Jeremiah
Leviticus	Proverbs	Lamentations
Numbers	Ecclesiastes	Ezekiel
Deuteronomy	Song of Songs	Daniel
Joshua		Hosea
Judges		Joel
Ruth		Amos
1 Samuel		Obadiah
2 Samuel		Jonah
1 Kings		Micah
2 Kings		Nahum
1 Chronicles		Habakkuk
2 Chronicles		Zephaniah
Ezra		Haggai
Nehemiah		Zechariah
Esther		Malachi

Who wrote the Old Testament?

Job - Job
Moses - Genesis through Deuteronomy
Joshua - Joshua
Samuel - Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel
School of Prophets continued with recording history
Jeremiah - Kings, Lamentations, Jeremiah
Ezra - Chronicles
David - Psalms (more than half)
Solomon - Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Proverbs (most)
Nehemiah - Malachi - Books of the Prophets

Who wrote the New Testament?

New Testament ~

<u>History:</u>	<u>New Testament - Letters:</u>		<u>Prophecy:</u>
Matthew	From Paul:	From others:	Revelation
Mark	Romans	Hebrews	
Luke	1 Corinthians	James	
John	2 Corinthians	1 Peter	

<u>History:</u>	<u>New Testament - Letters:</u>		<u>Prophecy:</u>
Acts	Galatians	2 Peter	
	Ephesians	1 John	
	Philippians	2 John	
	Colossians	3 John	
	1 Thessalonians	Jude	
	2 Thessalonians		
	1 Timothy		
	2 Timothy		
	Titus		
	Philemon		

2. It is written by 40+ authors over 1600 years in 3 different languages, from 3 different continents with unmistakable continuity and agreement from cover to cover.
3. It is the single most published book in the history of the world.
4. It is the single most translated book in the world.

B. We believe the Bible can be trusted...

1. The Bible was written in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.
2. The Talmud (A.D 100-500)
3. The Massorettes (A.D. 500-900)
4. The New Testament has 24,000 manuscripts to compare.

Other writings that seem to be accepted as reliable:

Author:	When Written:	Earliest Copy:	Time Span:	# of copies:
Caesar	100-44 BC	AD 900	1,000 years	10
Plato	427-347 BC	AD 900	1,200 years	7
Tacitus	AD 100	AD 1100	900 years	20
Thucydides	460-400 BC	AD 900	1,300 years	8
Herodotus	384-322 BC	AD 900	1,300 years	8
Aristotle	450-385 BC	AD 900	1,400 years	49
Homer (Iliad)	900 BC	400 BC	500 years	643
New Testament	AD 40-100	AD 125	25 years	24,000

C. Bible prophecy is one of the factors in its reliability...

1. The Old Testament predicted the coming of Jesus and was fulfilled in the New Testament.

2. 322 prophecies were fulfilled in Jesus' first coming.
3. The probability that even 8 of these were fulfilled in one person is 1 in 10¹⁷
4. The probability that 48 of these would be fulfilled is 1 in 10¹⁵⁷. (There are 10⁶⁶ atoms in the universe.)

D. “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes”...

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15

1. All of God's Word was given for our instruction.

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2. Old Testament Scriptures were the Word of God that Jesus used. The early church apostles used the Scriptures and the inspired writings and letters.

“Jesus replied, ‘You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.’” Matthew 22:29

“Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.” Luke 24:45

“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.” Romans 15:4

“He replied, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.’” Luke 11:28

3. God's Word is living and speaks to our daily lives.

“For the word of God is alive 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.” Hebrews 4:12

“Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Ephesians 6:17

4. Jesus is the Word of God and His truth is life and breath to our spirit!

“He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God.” Revelation 19:13

“Jesus answered, ‘It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Matthew 4:4