

Before we answer why the Bible is the Word of God and not just another religious or historical book it's important to reflect on what makes it unique among all writings.

The Bible is the **Word of God** because it is *divinely inspired*. That means it wasn't authored by human will alone, but written under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Scripture confirms this in:

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV):*

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

The Bible isn't just an ancient text it contains *living and active* truth:

*Hebrews 4:12 (ESV):*

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

It holds divine authority and eternal relevance because it reveals who God is, what His will is, and most importantly His plan to save humankind from sin through Jesus Christ. No other book on earth offers this message of redemption and eternal life.

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The Central Message: Salvation Through Christ

The Bible’s central message is the *gospel* the good news that we can be saved from sin through Jesus Christ. This salvation is not earned by human effort, but given as a **gift of grace** to those who believe.

*Romans 6:23 (ESV):*

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Sin separates humanity from God. All have sinned (Romans 3:23), and no amount of good deeds can remove the guilt of sin. But through Jesus' death and resurrection, forgiveness and eternal life are now available to all who respond in faith.

Other religious or philosophical writings may promote moral living or ethical values, but **only the Bible reveals God's direct solution for sin** through **the cross** and **resurrection** of Jesus Christ.

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How Can Someone Be Forgiven and Saved?

When the people of Jerusalem heard Peter preach about Jesus on the Day of Pentecost, they were convicted of their sin and asked what they should do. Peter responded with a clear call to repentance and baptism:

*Acts 2:36-38 (ESV):*

“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

This is the pattern established by the early Church: **Repentance** (a sincere turning away from sin) **Baptism in water** (by full immersion) **In the name of Jesus Christ** **Receiving the Holy Spirit**

*Mark 16:16 (ESV):*

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

*John 3:23 (ESV):*

“John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there...”

(indicating baptism by immersion)

*Acts 8:16 (ESV):*

“...they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

*Acts 19:5 (ESV):*

“On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

True repentance is not just sorrow it's a decision to completely turn from sin and surrender to Jesus. True baptism is not a ritual; it's an act of obedience, symbolizing death to the old life and resurrection into new life in Christ (Romans 6:3-4).

Why Is the Bible the Word of God? Question: Is it really true that the Bible is the Word of God?

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*John 5:24 (ESV):*

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

**May the Lord Jesus bless you.**

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