

Lesson 3
“The Bible: The Authoritative Word of God”

1. The authority of the Bible is in the Bible. One of the most important evidences of authority is also the _____ because the Bible is its own proof. There is _____
_____. The Scriptures never need to be _____. The Bible defends itself.
2. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bear witness to the _____ of the Scripture.
2 Peter 1:20 & 21

Basic Scriptures include:

Psalm 119; Isaiah 40:6-8; Matt. 5:17-19; Matt. 19:4&5; Matt. 22:29-32; Matt. 26:54-56; Luke 24:25-32; Luke 24:44-45; John 10:35; Romans 15:4; 16:26; Galatians 3:8; 1 Timothy 5:18; 2 Timothy 3:16

3. Our highest authority is the teachings of Christ because no fault was ever found in Him. Even Pilate said, _____.
4. The Bible is the authoritative Word of God because the Son, _____ has set His _____ on the entire Book.
5. How did Jesus set His stamp of approval on the written Word of God? By _____ from its pages and by _____ to stories from the Old Testament as true.
6. God the Father also testifies to the fact of the _____ of the Scriptures all through the Bible. See Psalm 119:89; 119:160.
7. Phrases such as “And God said,” “The Word of the Lord came to,” “The Word of the Lord spoke to,” can be found _____ times in the Old Testament alone.
8. In the book of Leviticus practically every chapter begins “The Lord said to Moses.” God is the _____, Moses is the _____.
9. God spoke His plan of redemption into being. The first record of God’s plan is found in _____.
10. God loves us so much that He made it possible for us to be redeemed from our sin knowing full well that His Son Jesus would have to _____.
11. The Bible itself declares that it is the _____. See Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Joshua 1:8; 8:32-35.
12. The Word is _____, _____, _____, and is _____ . See Psalm 12:6; 19:7-11

13. The Word is _____. See Psalm 119:89, 152, & 160. See also Isaiah 40:8.
14. The Word of God is _____. See 1 Thessalonians 2:13 & 1 Peter 1:23
15. The _____ bears witness that the Bible is the Word of God.
2 Peter 1:19-21
16. 2 Peter 1:20 means that the prophets did not _____ the message, they merely wrote what they were _____. The message came from God.
17. The Holy Spirit gave the message to the _____. See 2 Samuel 23:1&2; Jeremiah 1:7-9; Daniel 12:8 and Zechariah 4:6
18. God used many ways to _____. Hebrews 1:1&2
19. The words of scripture were not only given by the Holy Spirit, but are also _____ by Him. 2 Corinthians 2:9-13
20. The scripture cannot be _____ without the teaching of the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:14
21. The Apostle Paul said the words he spoke were not _____ and _____ but were a demonstration of the _____ of the Spirit. 1 Cor. 2:4

(Special Notation)

Jesus Himself also gives testimony to the authority of the scripture. If we accept the teachings of Christ, we must accept His teachings concerning the Bible. See Matthew 5:17 & 18; 19:4; John 10:35.

22. Jesus regarded the Bible as _____. See Matthew 22:29-31; Matthew 24:37; Mark 7:13; Luke 24:44; John 5:39 & 46.
23. In speaking to people and in answering their questions, Jesus was constantly _____. The Sermon on the Mount is a perfect example of this and is found in chapters 5-7 of Matthew.
24. When Jesus defeated _____ in the wilderness, He _____ the scripture. Matthew 4:4, 7, & 10.
25. Jesus said His own teaching was _____. See John 6:63; 7:16; 8:28, 42 & 43 and 12:49 & 50
26. After His resurrection Jesus recognized the _____ of the Old Testament and put His stamp of approval on each of them. Luke 24:44-46.

27. Jesus promised that the apostles would be _____
in their writing and teaching. See Matthew 10:19 & 20; Mark 13:11; John 14:25 & 26;
John 16:12-15; and John 15:26 & 27

Conclusion

The entire Bible is the authoritative Word of God because of the testimony of the Father, the Bible itself, the witness of the Holy Spirit and the testimony of Jesus.