



Myth: The Bible is History
-No Longer Relevant, That Is!

1. Bible.

- The very _____ of God.
- The _____ for the Holy Spirit.
- _____ of our Faith.
- _____ through Jesus, the Christ.

2. Tragedy, Purpose and the Quest

- _____ limits the love, joy, peace patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
- Purpose

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:14-17

- Underlying the myth is a _____

3. Quest for Truth

- _____—uncritical activity of acquiring self-evident & commonly held beliefs through experience
- _____—relinquish personal efforts to another in better position to identify truth.
- _____— Truth is known by direct insight or immediate awareness.
- _____— process of observing, drawing conclusions, verification by independent party.

4. What we know historically about the Bible.

- a. Pentateuch written 1450-1400 BC
- b. Much of the OT canon written 931-722 BC
- c. Septuagint— Greek translation of OT written 246 BC

- d. Hebrew scriptures were generally accepted
- e. Formally adopted in 90 AD
- f. NT canon written by 90 AD
- g. Over 5000 manuscripts remarkably congruent.
- h. Every NT book quoted other than 3rd John by 120 AD
- i. 367 AD Athanasius— Bishop of Alexandria lists the 27 NT books
- j. Synod of Hippo 393 AD listed approved canon.
- k. Criteria included...
 - Written by Apostle or close associate.
 - Widely used in the Church.
 - Consistent with rule of faith
- l. Synod of Carthage 397 AD formally approved the list.

“Your word is truth..” John 17:17

5. Two Main Teachings

- a. _____
- b. _____

6. What should we do..

- a. _____
- b. Hear it
- c. _____
- d. Believe it
- e. _____

