

➤ **It comes down to who God is and do you believe His**

Record and Proclamation. Jesus said it, that's good enough for me! This is the Word of God and He will preserve it for eternity. Man has tried to mess it up to no avail. Satan has tried to destroy it to no avail. Yet man still doubts. Only because he refuses to believe. (Rom 1:21-25)

- Week one we saw God as Holy and Righteous.
Can He allow His communication to be perverted?
- Week two we saw God the Sovereign All Mighty One.
Is He able to preserve the truthfulness and accuracy of His Word?

**Words That Matter!
Inerrancy: The Bible's Oar Lock!
Selected Scripture**

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Inerrancy: As a term not found in the Bible but so important to understand the concept. When you understand who God is, you realize inerrancy is part of His character. God created man and fellowshiped with man in the Garden, Genesis 3. From that we can reason that He will communicate with all of His Creation. God will communicate truthfully and without error.

Inerrancy is *extremely* important because:

- (1) it is linked to the character of God
- (2) it is taught in the Scriptures
- (3) it is the historic position of the Christian Church
- (4) it is foundational to other essential doctrines.

The number one enemy is Satan:
(Gen 3; 2 Cor 4:1-6; 11:13-15)

Enemy Number Two is Man.
(Rom 1:20-22,28, Titus 1:13-15; Eph 4:17-19; Rom 1:32)

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The challenges usually come with regard to inerrancy or reliability.

1. The Original Documents are not available
2. Were the writers trustworthy and close to the events?
3. Have the copiers and scribes been accurate in the transmission of the manuscripts?
4. How about Historical and archeological evidence

How did the different books become part of the Bible?

- The Canon, Canonicity, to measure.
 - Divine authorship: Is it inspired of God?
 - Human authorship: Is it connected?
 - Spiritual content: Was the message consistent?
 - Universal recognition: Was it accepted by the church?
- Final form established AD 125-150

The Story of the Bible:

- Written over a 1500 year period
- 40 Human writers, one Author.
 - Holy Spirit Led, 2 Peter 1:20,21; 1 Peter 1:10-12
- One uniform message
- Preserved for the ages. Matt. 24:35
- It has survived:

Mankind does all he can to redefine God and His message. Its just a book...

Inerrancy really is discussion on reliability and accuracy.

Four Questions to Ponder and Resolve.

1. Who is Jesus? (John 1:1-18, John 10:28-33; cp Exo 3:14,15 w/ John 8:57,58; Mark 14:61,62)
 2. What was His view of the Scriptures? (Luke 16:31; Matt 4; 12:39-41 (Jonah); 22:31-33; 24:37-39 (Noah/Flood); Luke 24:27; John 5:36-39 (Testify of Me))
 3. What did He say about the truthfulness and longevity of the Scriptures? (Matt 5:17-20; 24:35; Luke 16:16,17; John 17:17; Psalm 119:89, 111, 144; 1 Peter 1:23-25)
 4. What did Jesus say about His teaching? (John 8:32-47; Matt 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33)
- The Bible is the Word of God, therefore there are inherent conclusions we can make.
 - God is holy. Because He is holy, He is unable to sin. Because He is holy He will preserve the reliability and truthfulness of His Word.
 - We also must accept that since His Word is inspired, God breathed, (2 Tim 3:16,17), God will oversee and preserve His message. (2 Peter 1:20,21; 1 Peter 1:10-12)

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