the PROBLEM OF GOD

THE BOOK OF ACTS

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THE PROBLEM OF THE **BIBLE** ACTS 17:10-24

20% THE BIBLE IS LITERALLY THE WORD OF GOD

49% THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED BY GOD

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WHY PEOPLE
DON'T BELIEVE THE ***BIBLE***

5). JUST MADE UP STORIES
4). WRITTEN BY MEN
3). OTHER SOURCES OF TRUTH
2). TOO OLD / NOT SCIENTIFIC
1). FULL OF CONTRADICTIONS

THE BEREANS ...

These Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; **they received the word with all eagerness**, **examining the Scriptures daily** to see if these things were so. Many of them therefore believed...the brothers immediately **sent Paul off** [to safety] **on his way to the sea.**

ACTS 17:11-14

DID GOD WRITE A **BOOK?**

These Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received **the word** with all eagerness, examining **the Scriptures** daily to see if these things were so.

ACTS 17:11-12

WE KNOW THE STORIES IN THE BIBLE

BUT NOT THE STORY OF THE BIBLE

New Testament

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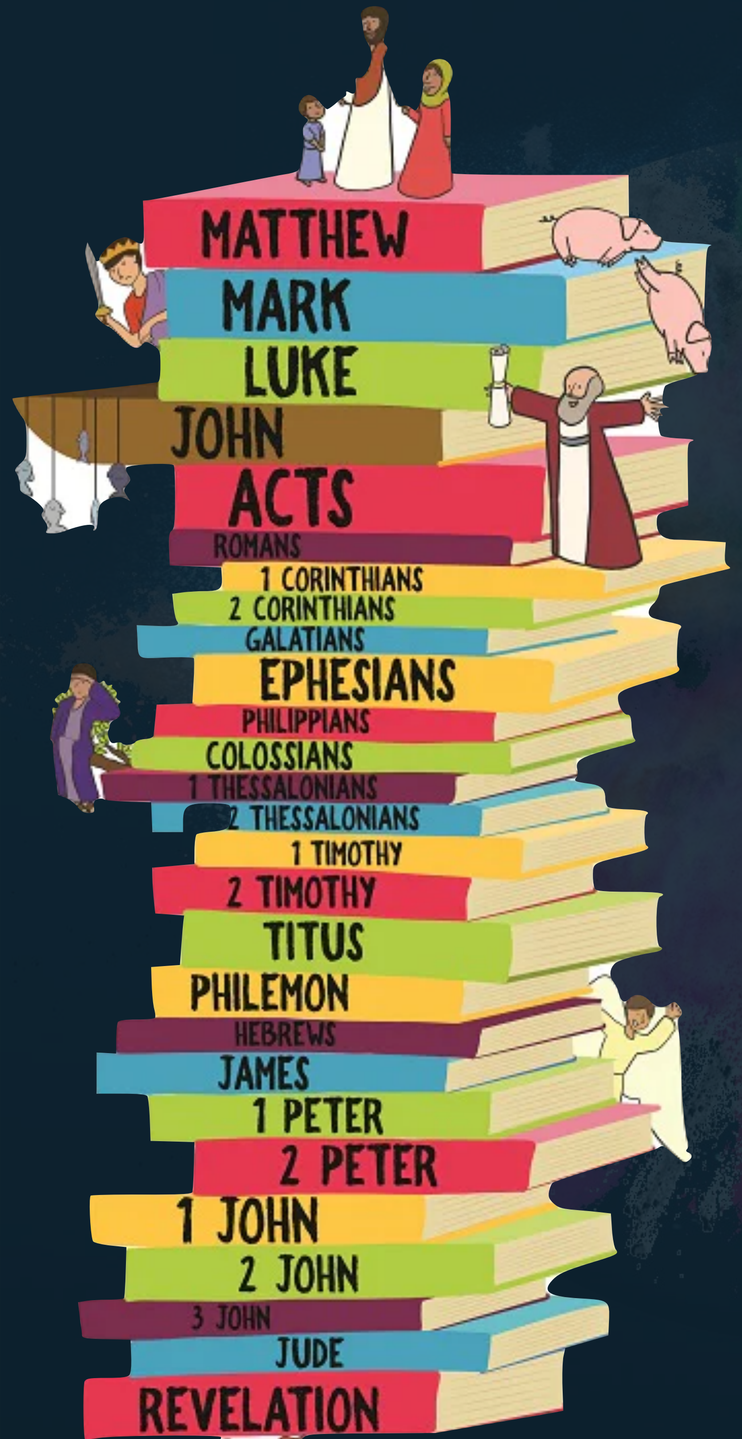

Old Testament

THE STORY OF **THE BIBLE**

LUKE 1:1-3

many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were **eyewitnesses and ministers of the word** have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, **to write an orderly account for you.**

JOHN 20:30-31

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but **these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

THE BIBLE DID NOT GIVE US JESUS.

JESUS GAVE US THE BIBLE.

THE STORY OF **THE BIBLE**

30-33 A.D. JESUS AFFIRMS THE O.T. AS SCRIPTURE (39 BOOKS)
JOHN 5:39 / LUKE 24:44-45

0-303 A.D. COPIES OF COPIES OF AUTHORITATIVE, APOSTOLIC LETTERS

303-324 A.D. EMPEROR DIOCLETIAN DECREES TO DESTROY ALL CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

367 A.D. CHURCH FATHER ATHANASIUS ACKNOWLEDGED THE "CLOSED CANON OF "THE BIBLE" (39 O.T. BOOKS & 27 N.T. BOOK)

397A.D. COUNCIL OF CARTHAGE AFFIRMS N. T. CANON (27 BOOKS)

5 CONFIRMATIONS OF DIVINE INSPIRATION

AUTHORITY (MARK 1:22) THUS SAITH THE LORD

AUTHORSHIP WAS IT WRITTEN BY A MAN OF GOD

AUTHENTICITY IS IT CONSISTENT WITH OTHER SCRIPTURE

ALIVE /ACTIVE (HEBREWS 4:15) LIVING AND ACTIVE

ACCEPTANCE (1 THESS 2:13) RECEIVED AS GOD'S WORD

**INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE BY NORMAN GEISLER AND WILLIAM NIX

THE STORY OF **THE BIBLE**

1227 CHAPTER DIVISIONS ADDED **1448** VERSES DIVISIONS ADDED

1380–1382 JOHN WYCLIFFE MAKE FIRST TRANSLATION OF THE WHOLE BIBLE INTO ENGLISH (FROM LATIN)

1455 GUTENBERG'S LATIN BIBLE—FIRST FROM PRINTING PRESS

1525 - 1537 WILLIAM TYNDALE MAKES THE FIRST TRANSLATION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT FROM GREEK INTO ENGLISH **1536** TYNDALE STRANGLED & BURNED

1537 MILES COVERDALE'S BIBLE COMPLETES TYNDALE'S WORK ON THE OLD TESTAMENT

A RELATIONSHIP WITH **GOD'S WORD IS ESSENTIAL.**

IT IS **THE** PRIMARY **WAY TO KNOW** THE ONE TRUE **GOD.**

WHAT **IS** THE ***TRUTH***

- BEWARE OF STUDY NOTES
- BEWARE OF READABILITY ABOVE ACCURACY BIBLE
- BEWARE OF THE QUESTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE MEAN TO YOU?
- BEWARE OF ANY CHURCH THAT DOES NOT PREACH THE WORD

REV 22:18-19 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

WHAT **IS** THE ***TRUTH***

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you...He has given assurance to all by raising him (Jesus) from the dead.

Acts 17:22-31

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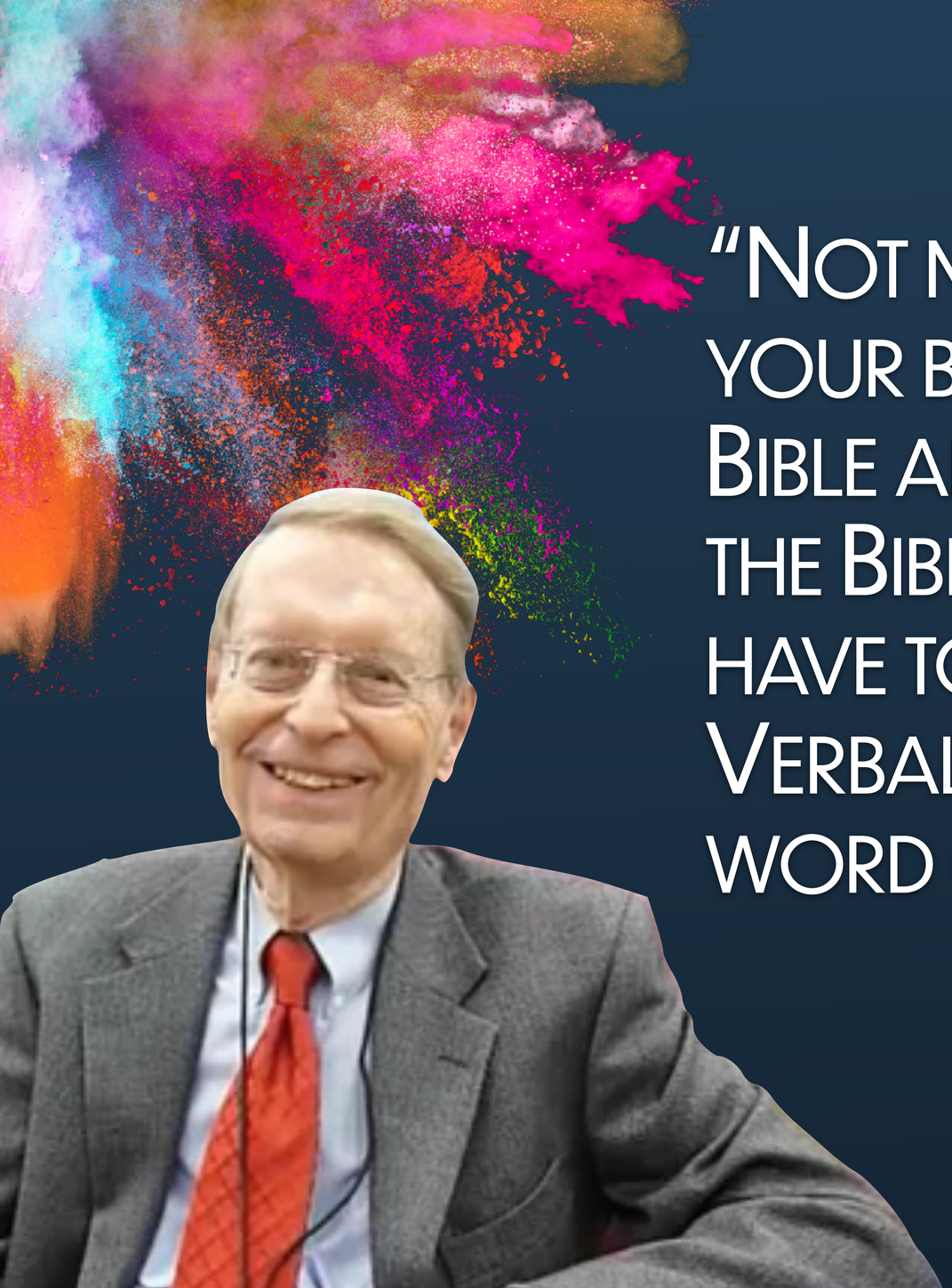
HOW DO WE KNOW THE **TRUTH?** ACTS 17:10-34

FROM THE BEREANS TO THE ATHENIANS TO US



"Not many years ago to say to affirm your believe in the full inspiration of the Bible all you needed to say was "I believe the Bible is word of God"... Today you have to say "I believe the Bible is the Verbally, Plenary, Infallible, Inspired word of God."

— Charles Ryrie
Author of the Ryrie Study Bible

GOD WROTE A BOOK!

EVERY WORD INFALLIBLE

KNOW THIS FIRST OF ALL no prophecy of **SCRIPTURE** comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but **men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit**.

2 PETER 1:19-21

GOD WROTE A BOOK!

EVERY WORD INSPIRED

THE FATHER THE SON THE SPIRIT THE BOOK

I (Jesus) still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **When the Spirit of truth** comes, **he will guide you into all the truth**, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify **me (Jesus)**, for he will take what is mine and declare it **to you**. All that **the Father** has is mine.

JOHN 16:12-15

GOD WROTE A BOOK!

EVERY WORD GOD BREATHED (LIFE GIVING)

You have been acquainted with the **SACRED WRITINGS**, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **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.

2 TIMOTHY 3:15-17

THE INFALLIBILITY AND SUPREMACY OF THE BIBLE IS A HILL WE WILL DIE ON!

HIS DIVINELY INSPIRED, SUPERNATURALLY PROTECTED WORDS **GIVE US LIFE!**

YOU WILL NEED HELP TOMORROW!

RUN TO GOD AND **READ THE BIBLE,** FOR WITHIN ARE **THE WORDS OF LIFE!**

WHERE ELSE WOULD I GO?

VIDEO
START AT 3:10

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOhkldCSs04&t=268s

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READY TO GET BAPTIZED?

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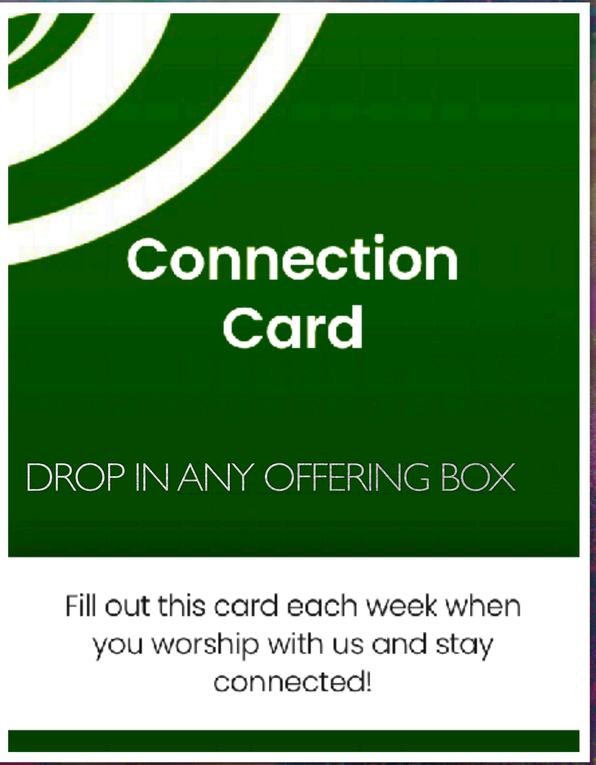

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK IN EACH WEEK!

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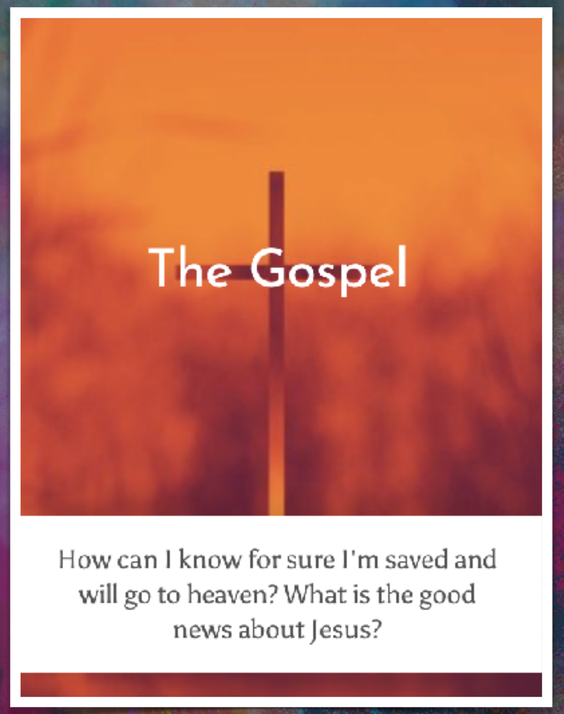

TODAY, WILL YOU BELIEVE & FOLLOW JESUS?

THE **PRAYER TEAM** IS AVAILABLE AFTER EVERY SERVICE.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT FAITH?

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