

## IN TOUCH

### YOU TRUST THE BIBLE – BUT MOST DON'T

Dear Friend:

A recent Gallop Poll revealed that 76% of Americans do not trust the Bible. A slight majority believe it is a good book but should not be taken literally. Most believe it is a collection of stories – some literal, some figurative. The story of Jonah being swallowed by a fish and living through it is not to be taken literally. No surprise to me...one local seminary teaches that it is not a literal event.

There are three options in regards to one's belief in the Bible. First: it cannot be trusted at all. Second: it can be trusted in part. Third: it can be trusted in all. The problem with the second option: what part can be trusted and which part cannot be trusted? Different people will trust or distrust different parts.

How did we get the Bible? Not enough space for detail. The Old Testament was accepted as completed by 150 B.C. The New Testament was settled at the Synod of Carthage in 397 A.D. So, the Christian Bible was fully confirmed in 397 A.D. but it took a few more years for the news to travel.

The Bible can be trusted historically. Time after time and continuously archeology is providing more and more historical reliability of the Bible. The Bible can be trusted for its' manuscripts. There are 1,000 + more manuscripts of the Bible than any other book in antiquity. The Bible can be trusted in regards to inerrancy (without error). God spoke to and through imperfect men, but the Bible says God cannot lie, therefore, all he spoke was a perfect – without error. Read the Bible more and let Him speak His perfect truth to you.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

**Prayer:** School reopening decisions, Gov. Mike DeWine, Bill Fisher

**Events:** Sunday, Communion, Sunday: open questions about the Bible following the sermon! Bring a non-perishable for the food pantry!

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