

## WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE BIBLE

Dear Friend:

You probably know what the Bible says about a lot of things. For instance, some of the 10 Commandments: Thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not murder, thou shalt not lie (KJV), etc. No doubt you know what it says about creation, the first sin, Abraham, Moses, and the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus. But what do you know about what the Bible says about the Bible? Why is it important to know what the Bible says about the Bible? Because the Bible is a collection of 66 books, written over 1,600 yrs, by approximately 40 authors who penned 783,137 words (KJV), and 3,116,480 alphabetical letters. The Bible should attest to its' truthfulness.

So, what does the Bible say about the Bible? We need to start at the foundational passage that establishes its' truthfulness: 2 Timothy 3:16. In summary this passage says, "All scripture is inspired by God". He spoke into the heart and mind of the authors, and at times God literally dictated to them what they needed to write. Along with 2 Timothy 3:16 Jesus attested to the authenticity of the Bible when in John 17:17 he said: "Thy Word is truth" (he was praying to God).

Psalm 119 tells us what the Bible says about the Bible more than any other chapter in the Bible. When you have a little extra time read Psalm 119, it has 176 verses and references God's word 173 times. Psalm 119:1 says that we should walk in the law of the Lord (His Word). God's words are called many, many different things. His words are called; statutes, testimony, commandments, precepts, rules, promises, etc. The Bible says a lot about itself! You will never know all that God's Word says about itself unless you read it. The beginning of the year is a great time to start or increase your Bible reading!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer Requests: Victims of the California Fires, Rev. Les Smith (walking issues), Gabe Smith (cancer tumor surgery), Pastor Mike (heart device placement recovery)