

The Authority of the Word

One of the foundations of any faith behind it. If you are talking to someone about your faith in Christ and he asks, "Why do you believe that?" What would you say? The foundation for our faith in Christ is in the trustworthiness of God and His word. Therefore, a very important question that we must ask and answer is, "Is the Bible God's word, and can it be completely trusted?" We are only going to look at what the Bible teaches about itself.

What role did God play in the writing of Scripture?

* II Timothy 3:16

The Greek word that is translated "inspired by God" or "God-breathed" is the word, theopneustos, which is a compound word that literally means God-breathed. It means that God breathed out the words of the Scripture. **Knowing that, how would that change your answer?**

What role did the human authors play in the writing of Scripture?

* II Peter 1:20-21

One view of Scripture is that God inspired the concepts, but the words or details He left up to the authors. How did Paul view God's role in the words he used in his message?

* I Corinthians 2:12-13

Look up these verses and make observations on Jesus' view of Scripture.

* Matthew 5:17-18

* Matthew 4:1-11

* John 10:34-38

* Luke 24:44

The words of the Bible are truly God's words, and since they came from God they are completely reliable. Based on that, what attitude should you have toward reading and studying God's word?

What actions can you begin to take to increase your knowledge of God's word?