

and go to hell for all eternity. Our God of love is not willing that any perish in hell. Jesus came and lived a perfectly righteous life and then died on the cross that He (Jesus) might bring us to God (1 Peter 3:18). Jesus died and shed His blood so that we could be forgiven of our sin. Jesus died because this is precisely the debt that we owe God. Believe that Jesus died and then rose again from the dead. If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, the Scripture makes this sure promise: you shall be saved (Romans 10:9).

If you desire for Jesus to forgive you and come into your life, pray the following: Lord Jesus Christ, I believe You are God in the flesh and that You died on the cross for my sins and rose again the third day. I confess that I am a sinner and I ask You to forgive all my sins. I repent of my sin and trust your righteousness and shed blood to save me. Please come into my heart, forgive me of all my sins, fill me with Your Spirit, and be my Savior. Thank You for saving me. I will serve You for the rest of my life until I see you face to face. In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you prayed this prayer with all sincerity, you can know God has forgiven all your sins (Ephesians 1:7). You may have assurance of eternal life (John 3:36, 5:24, and 6:47). John wrote, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:13).



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## IS THE BIBLE TRUE?



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**Is the Bible a trustworthy, supernatural book? Or is it an old-fashioned collection of superstitious folk tales and misquotations? Are those who believe the Bible trapped in a world of delusion?**

The Bible tells us things that no other religious book reveals. Where did the universe come from? How did life begin? What is wrong with the world? How can we be sure of life after death? What is the answer to people's sense of guilt, grief, loneliness, and depression? What will happen to the world? Only Scripture answers these questions and gives an answer to people's real sense of pain, sadness, bitterness, and hatred.

Countless numbers of people through the centuries have been rescued from despair, addiction, and hopelessness by the message of the Bible. This book has given hope to the spiritually hopeless, life to the spiritually dead, deliverance to the emotionally enslaved.

This brief tract seeks to give evidence to back up the claim that the Scriptures are true. The Bible itself claims that it is without error, historically reliable, and is an authoritative guide for our lives. Actually, there are a number of pieces of evidence that can be examined.

**Evidence from the MIRACLES:** A miracle is a special act of God that interrupts the normal course of events. Jesus performed many miracles, and these miracles are corroborated by early testimony of the miracle, eyewitness testimony, and multiple testimony that could stand up in any court of law. One of the greatest Bible miracles is the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. Many witnesses who saw Jesus raised from the dead were willing to die in order to share the message of life after death through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

**Evidence from ARCHAEOLOGY:** Archaeological discoveries regularly turn up proof that the

people, places, and events revealed in Scripture are true.

For example, the Bible refers to the Hittite people 36 times. Since no record outside the Bible had affirmed their existence, objectors said the Bible couldn't be trusted. However, excavations



in Turkey have now shown that the Hittite Empire was extensive.

The Ebla tablets, discovered in Syria in the 1960s, include the names of Ur,

Sodom, and Gomorrah, cities that Bible opponents said did not exist. These tablets also dispel the notion that since writing was not practiced in the 1400s B.C., Moses could not have written the first five books of the Bible. Yet these tablets were written about a thousand years before Moses!

A Christian historian detailed 84 facts in the last sixteen chapters of the Book of The Acts that are confirmed by historical and archaeological research. Such things as cities like Philippi and Athens, names of islands and well known shrines, and the names of rulers (like Felix) during that exact period of time show that Luke wrote with amazing accuracy.

**Evidence from PROPHECY:** No book other than the Bible has ever given clear-cut predictions hundreds of years in advance of future events that were fulfilled so precisely. Far from vague generalities or general guesses like those given by fortunetellers, the prophecies in Scripture contain explicit details which no human could possibly devise on his own. Imagine trying to come up with the name, ancestry, birthplace, and kind of death for a person who would be born 700 from today. That would be humanly impossible! Only God could make such predictions and see them carried out perfectly. But that is exactly what we have in the Bible. Jesus' identity, name,

birthplace, triumphal entry, betrayal, suffering, death, and burial—all were foretold in the Old Testament seven hundred years before He was born.

If only 48 prophecies about a person were fulfilled, the odds would be 1 in 10157. That is a one followed by 157 zeros! And Jesus fulfilled more than 300 prophecies!

Prophecy, then, stands up in court as a strong witness that the Bible is true!

**Evidence from SCIENCE:** Although the Bible is not a science book, the Bible is accurate when it addresses various aspects of science.

The very first verse in the Bible gives the foundation for much science when we read: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." This verse accurately describes our TIME (in the beginning), SPACE (the heaven) and MASS (the earth) universe. Albert Einstein's theory of General Relativity demonstrates that this TIME-SPACE-MASS universe is not eternal but in fact had a beginning just as the Bible declares. Science tells us that life only comes from life. Science tells us that nothing is now being created or destroyed. The Bible agrees that only one kind of life could beget that same life, and that God finished His work of creation on the seventh day.

Miracles, archaeology, prophecy and science give us a faithful body of evidence for the reliability of Scripture. But because the Bible is true in these matters, it is also dependable in issues relating to God, eternity and your soul.

The Bible tells us God's answer to how we may go to heaven. I am sure you can agree that you have done things you knew to be wrong. We all have. The Bible tells us what sin is, and that we have all sinned and come short of His glory (Romans 3:23). We may look at our sin as no big deal, but God does not. The penalty of our sin before the Lord is ultimately eternal separation, or death, in a place called hell. In fact, the only way we can pay God what we owe Him is to die