

“Does My Bible Have Errors?”
“Know What You Believe” — Part 5
John 17:17

“We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.”

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

John 17:17

1. What is an error?

- An error is defined as something that is not true.
- Contradiction, on the other hand, is *claiming* that opposites are both true.

2. Five Guidelines for dealing with difficulties:

- All the facts are not available.
- Differing accounts are not necessarily contradictory.
- The Bible’s language is not always scientific.
- Not every writer gives all the details.

Matthew says, “This is Jesus, King of the Jews.”

Mark says, “The King of the Jews.”

Luke says, “This is the King of the Jews.”

John says, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

John 19:19-22

- The unexplained is not necessarily unexplainable.

Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face.
Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

1 Corinthians 13:12

3. Why is the Bible’s authority rejected?

- **Humanism**: It denies the supernatural and excludes God while making man the measure of all reality.

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2:14

- **Immorality**: Those who reject the Bible for the world, actually set themselves up as gods. They determine what is best for themselves.

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Romans 1:21-23

- **Social pressure**: Surrounded by people who do not believe in the authority of the Bible, they often find it difficult to break away from the crowd to embrace the truth.

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame. 1 Corinthians 15:33-34

- **Unbelief**: They reject the Bible in favor of their own system of thought.

Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. 1 John 5:10

Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

Hebrews 3:16-19

- **Inadequate information**: They have never investigated the overwhelming evidence supporting the reliability of God's Word.

They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Ephesians 4:18

Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. Acts 17:11

Application: Despite the growing number of professing Christians in America, we face an identity crisis of major proportions. Christianity appears to be assuming more and more of the characteristics of the society in which it exists. How can the church be what God has called it to be? It must begin with an acceptance of the absolute authority of the Word of God. With this foundation we can live victoriously. If we refuse to accept any part of God's authority, we are contributing to the spiritual, moral and political downfall of the God-ordained institutions dear to us.

Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world. 1 Peter 2:11-12 NLT

“God’s Word says...”

God’s Word is eternal

Psalm 119:89
Isaiah 40:8
Matthew 5:17-18
Mark 13:31

God’s Word is perfect

2 Samuel 22:31
Psalm 12:6
Proverbs 30:5-6

God’s Word is powerful

Isaiah 55:11

Matthew 22:29

God speaks to man

Exodus 24:4
Exodus 32:16
Deuteronomy 29:29
Jeremiah 30:2
1 Thessalonians 2:13
2 Timothy 3:16-17
Hebrews 1:1-2

God’s rule for judgment

Acts 17:11
1 Corinthians 14:37
Hebrews 4:12

God’s Word rejected

Isaiah 8:19-22
Isaiah 30:9-11
Jeremiah 8:9
Jeremiah 23:29-30, 36
Zechariah 7:11-12
Mark 7:9, 13
Luke 16:31
John 5:46-47
John 8:37-38
John 12:48-50

Growth and guidance

Joshua 1:8
Psalm 119:9

Psalm 119:10
Psalm 119:11
Psalm 119:16
Psalm 119:36-37
Psalm 119:67
Psalm 119:105
Matthew 4:4
John 17:17

Prophecy

John 2:22
Acts 1:16
2 Peter 1:20-21

Healing and Hope

Psalm 107:19-20
Psalm 119:28
Romans 15:4

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