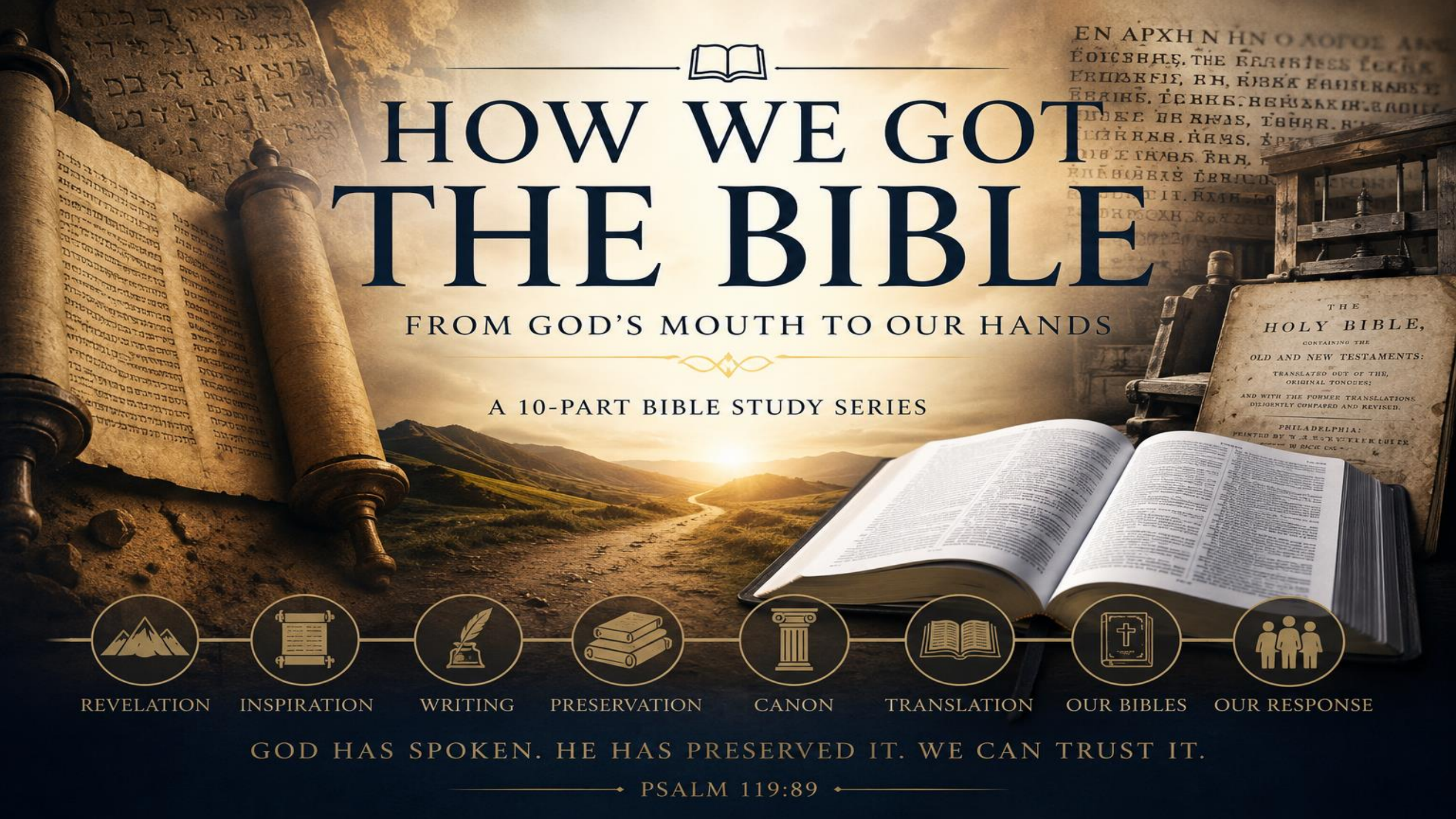




HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE

FROM GOD'S MOUTH TO OUR HANDS

A 10-PART BIBLE STUDY SERIES



REVELATION



INSPIRATION



WRITING



PRESERVATION



CANON



TRANSLATION



OUR BIBLES



OUR RESPONSE

GOD HAS SPOKEN. HE HAS PRESERVED IT. WE CAN TRUST IT.

◆ PSALM 119:89 ◆

FAKE

Ignore it.
It means nothing.

WHICH WILL YOU TRUST?

If the letter is fake, it's worthless.
If it's real, it could change your life.

GENUINE

Believe it.
It changes everything.

You have inherited
ten million dollars.

*Sincerely,
Estate Trustee*



**HOLY
BIBLE**

THE SAME IS TRUE OF THE BIBLE.

IF IT IS MERELY THE WRITINGS OF MEN, WE ARE FREE TO IGNORE IT.
IF IT IS THE VERY WORD OF GOD, THEN NOTHING COULD BE MORE
IMPORTANT THAN UNDERSTANDING IT.

— OUR THEME —

WHY SHOULD WE CARE HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE?

Before we can appreciate how we got the Bible,
we must first understand why it matters.
If God has spoken and His word has been preserved,
then nothing in our lives is more important
than listening to Him.

— OUR MAIN QUESTIONS —



1. Why do people
doubt the Bible?



2. Can we know
God has spoken?



3. Does truth
matter?



THE PURPOSE OF THIS SERIES:

To strengthen our confidence that the Bible
we hold in our hands is the very word of God.

*“So faith comes from hearing,
and hearing through the
word of Christ.”*

ROMANS 10:17 (ESV)

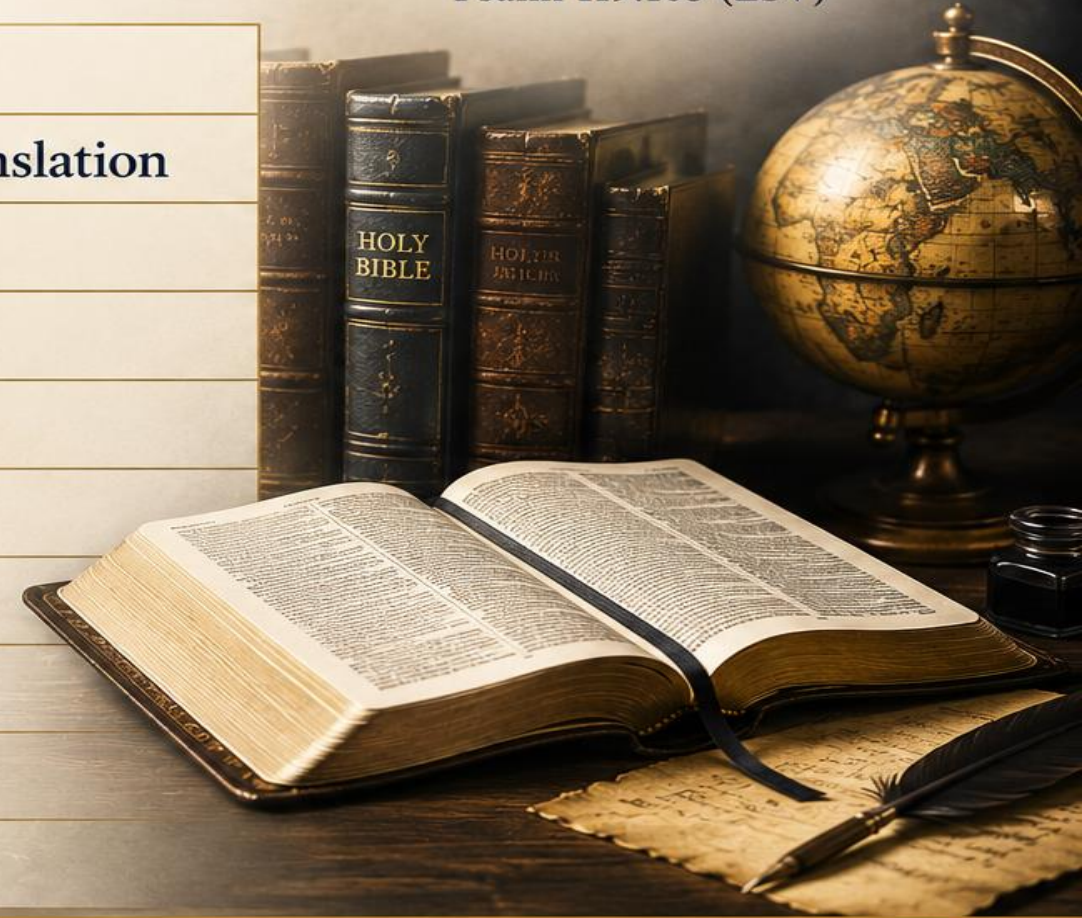
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SCHEDULE OF STUDIES

*“Your word is a lamp
to my feet and a light
to my path.”*

Psalm 119:105 (ESV)

1	Why Does it Matter?
2	Inspiration, Revelation, Transmission, and Translation
3	The Revelation of the Old Testament
4	The Revelation of the New Testament
5	The Canon of Scripture
6	Preservation of Scripture
7	Manuscripts, Chapters, and Verses
8	The Development of English Translations
9	Answering Bible Objections
10	Proper Interpretation of the Scripture



OUR MISSION:

To examine the evidence and strengthen our confidence
that the Bible we hold in our hands is the very word of God.



INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

One Book. Many Writers. One Message.

GOD'S PLAN TO REDEEM MANKIND THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.



A. The word “Bible” simply means “the books.”



B. The Bible contains **66 books**
(39 Old Testament and 27 New Testament).



C. The Bible was written over approximately
1,600 years by about 40 different writers.



D. Its writers included kings, shepherds, fishermen,
prophets, physicians, priests, and tax collectors.



E. It was written on three continents
(Asia, Africa, and Europe).



F. It was written in three languages
(Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek).



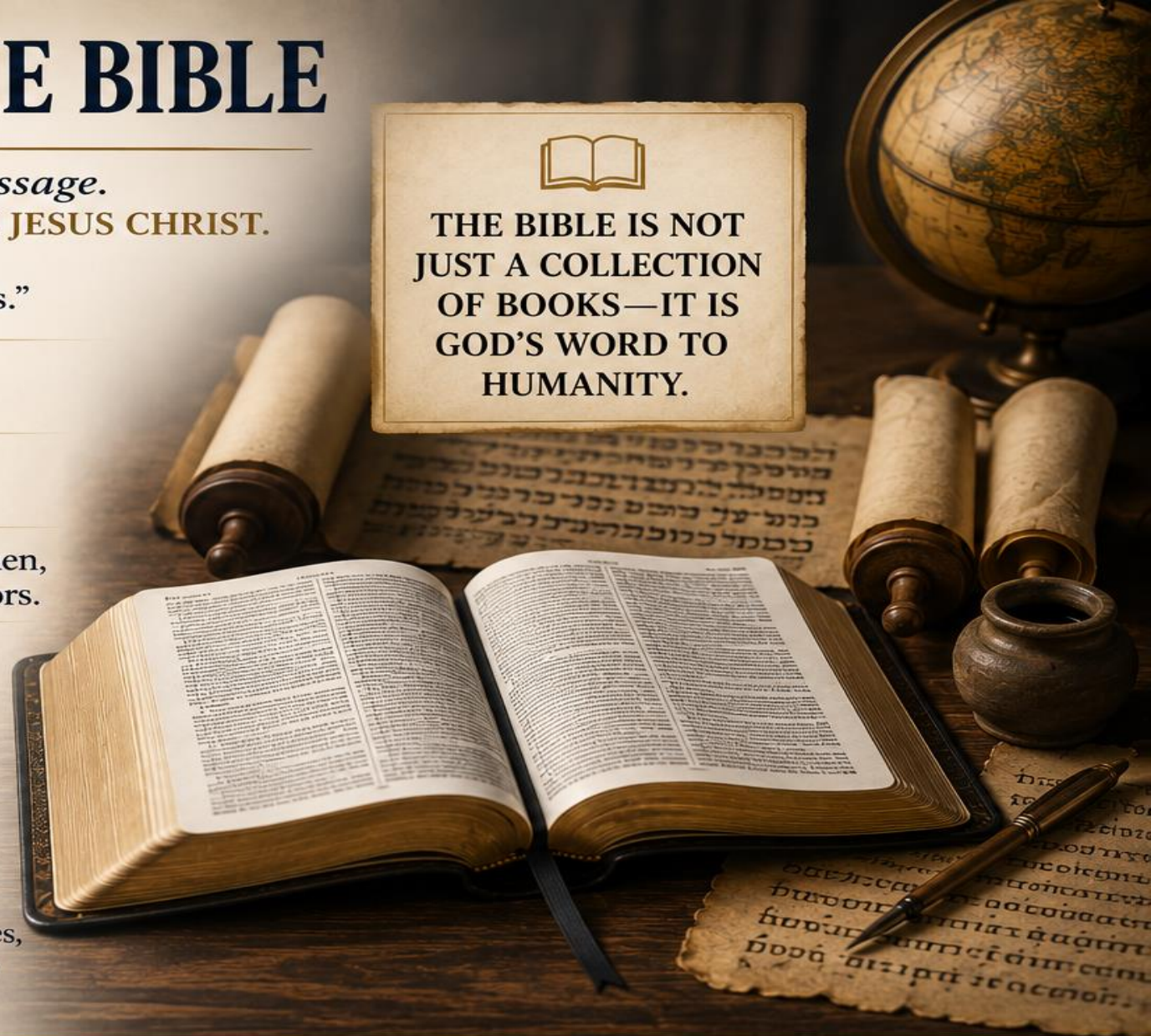
G. It is the most translated and distributed
book in human history.



H. Yet despite its diversity of writers and circumstances,
it presents **one unified message**—God’s plan to
redeem mankind through Jesus Christ.



THE BIBLE IS NOT
JUST A COLLECTION
OF BOOKS—IT IS
GOD’S WORD TO
HUMANITY.



ROMANS 10:17 (ESV)

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**WHY SHOULD
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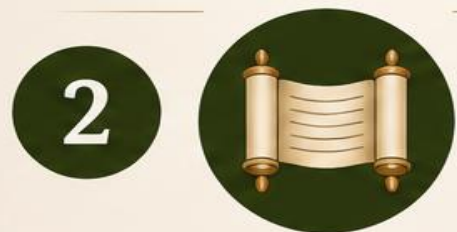
WHY SHOULD WE CARE HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE?



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GOD HAS ALWAYS REVEALED HIMSELF.

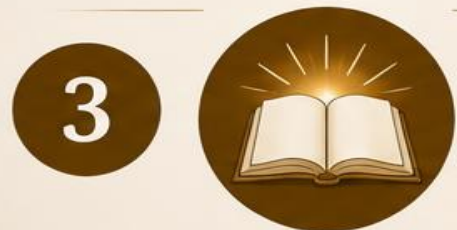
(Romans 1:19 – 20)



2

GOD INTENDED HIS REVELATION TO BE PRESERVED.

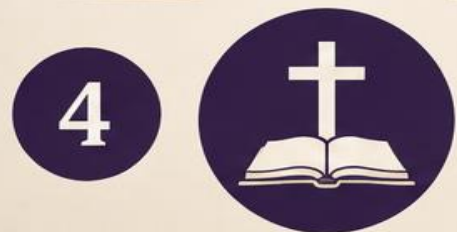
(Psalms 119:89; Matthew 24:35; Isaiah 40:8)



3

GOD'S WORD CAN BE KNOWN.

(John 17:17; John 8:31 – 32)



4

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT THE BIBLE DETERMINES EVERYTHING ELSE WE BELIEVE.

(Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 3:16 – 17)

*Your word is
a lamp to my feet
and a light
to my path.*

Psalm 119:105



48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.

John 12:48 (ESV)

**IN OUR NEXT STUDY,
WE WILL DEFINE
AND CLARIFY
“INSPIRATION,
REVELATION,
TRANSMISSION,
AND TRANSLATION.”**

