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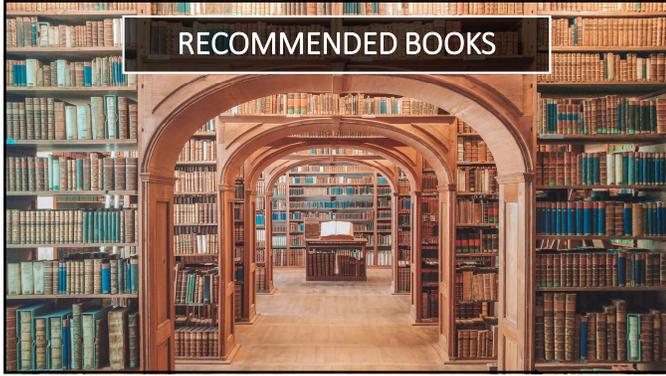
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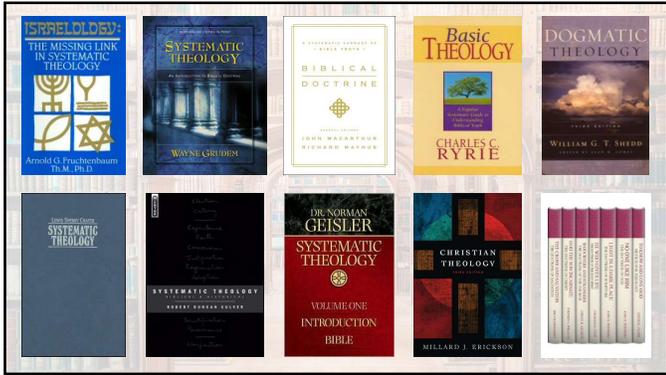
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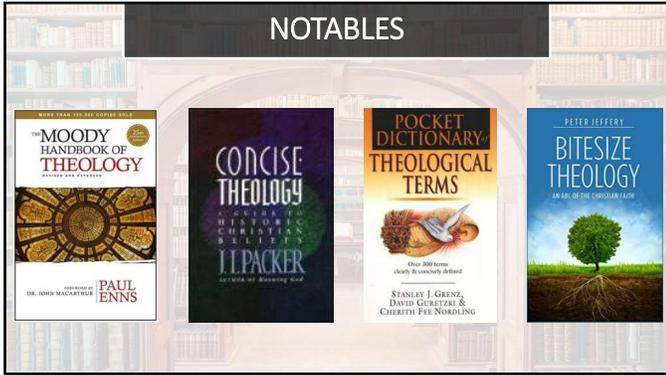
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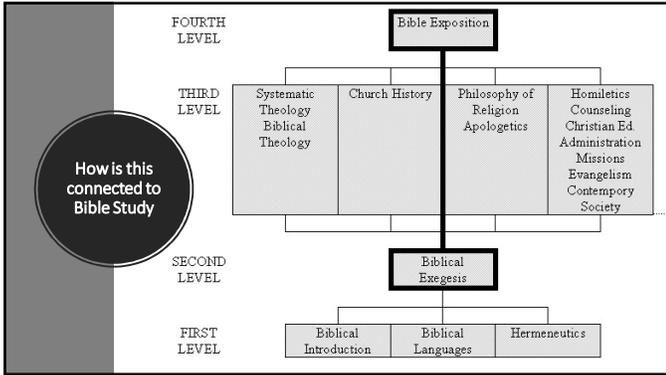
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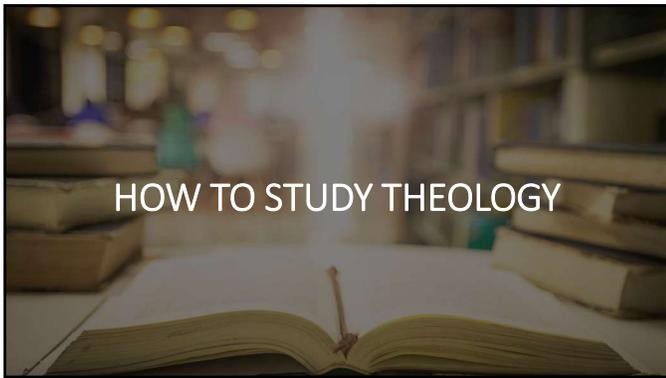
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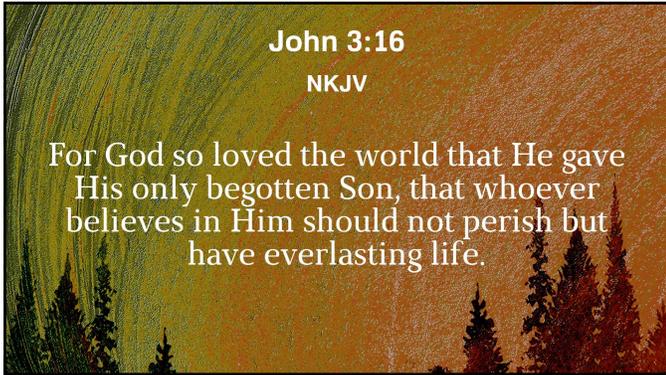
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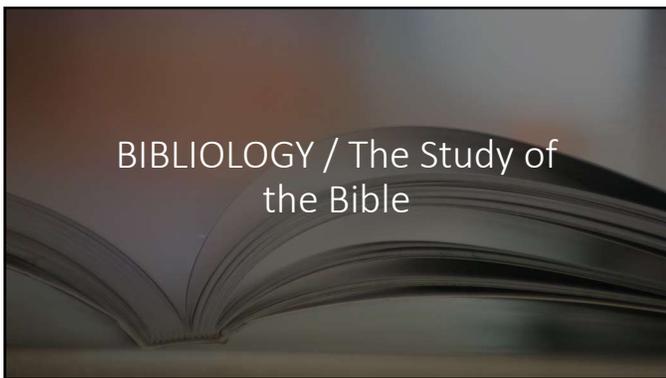
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**OUR BELIEFS**

**The Holy Scriptures**

We believe the Holy Scriptures in its entirety, both the Old and the New Testaments, are revelation breathed out by God. All of its parts, even to the very words of the original writings, are inerrant in every area, including doctrine or matters of history, geography, or science.

*(II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21; John 10:35)*

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**The Bible (Fun Facts)**

- 40 Different Authors living in 10 different countries
- Written over 1500+ years
- Three different Languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek)
- The middle verse of the Bible (which is also the middle chapter)
  - **Psalms 118:8** It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in man.
- **Bible Read Aloud:** ~71 hours, OT: ~52 hours , NT: ~19 hours

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**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BIBLE**

- **Difference between General Revelation & Special Revelation**
- **General Revelation:** Available to all, Indirect and General Information (Psalm 19)
- **Special Revelation:** Direct and Specific information about God, Sin, Salvation, & Judgment

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**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BIBLE**

**THREE "I"s**

- **INSPIRED**
- **INERRANT**
- **INFALLIBLE**
- **SUFFICIENT**

See the 1978 Chicago Statement on Inerrancy

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**INSPIRED**

- God is the source of Revelation, not man
- The Bible Claims to be the Words of God – Exodus 34:27, Deut. 4:2
- Direct Speech - Genesis 1:3
- Fulfillment of Prophecy – Micah 5:2, Matt 2:5
- Jesus Affirms/Appeals/Submits to Scripture
- Apostles Affirms/Appeals/Submits to Scripture

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**INERRANT**

- **Scripture is completely free from error. (Original Autographs)**
- **Psalms 119:160** The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.
- **John 17:17** "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

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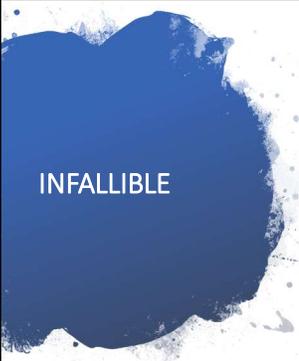
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**INFALLIBLE**

- **Article 11 of the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy (1978) relates it this way:**
- **"We affirm that Scripture, having been given by divine inspiration, is infallible, so that, far from misleading us, it is true and reliable in all the matters it addresses."**

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**SUFFICIENT**

- **2 Timothy 3:14** You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, **15** and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **16** All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; **17** so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.
- **Psalm 19:7-14**

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<p><b>THE CANON: Who is the Authority?</b></p>	<p>The Church <b>determines</b> the canon <b>VS.</b> The Church <b>affirms</b> the canon</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Luke 24:44</b> Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms (writings) must be fulfilled."</li> <li>• <b>Luke 11:50</b> so that the blood of all the prophets, shed since the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation, <b>51</b> from the blood of Abel [<b>Genesis</b>] to the blood of Zechariah [<b>2 Chronicles</b>], who was killed between the altar and the house of God; yes, I tell you, it shall be charged against this generation."</li> </ul>

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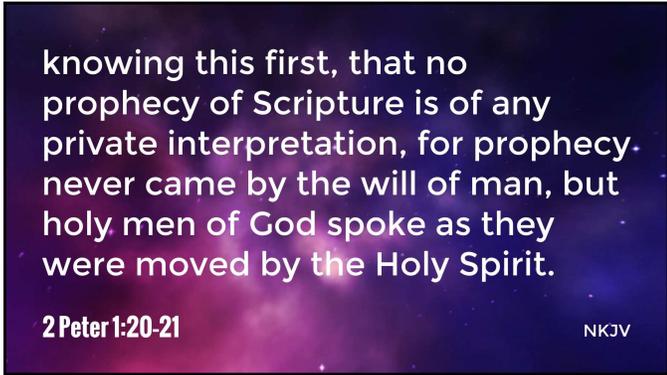
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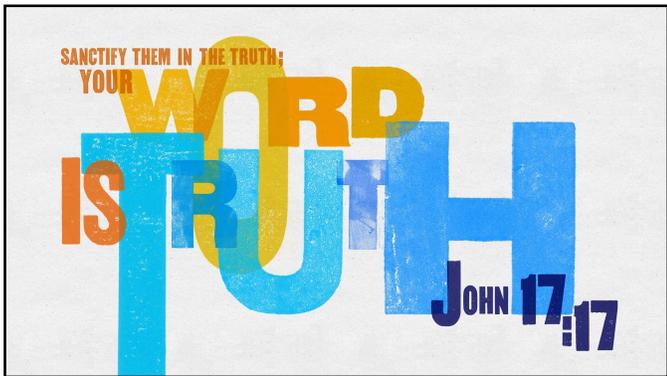
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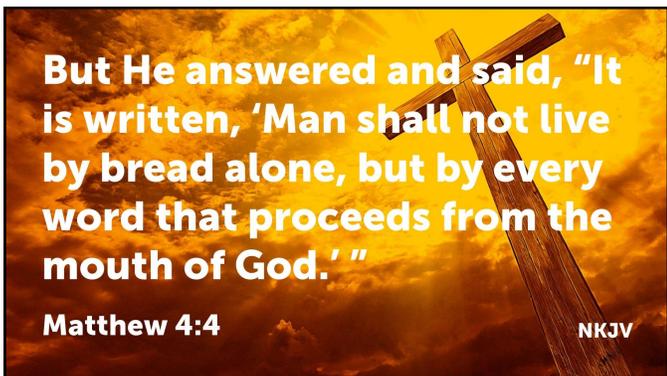
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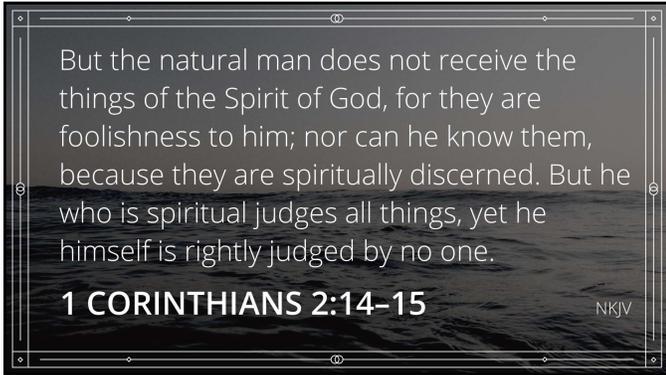
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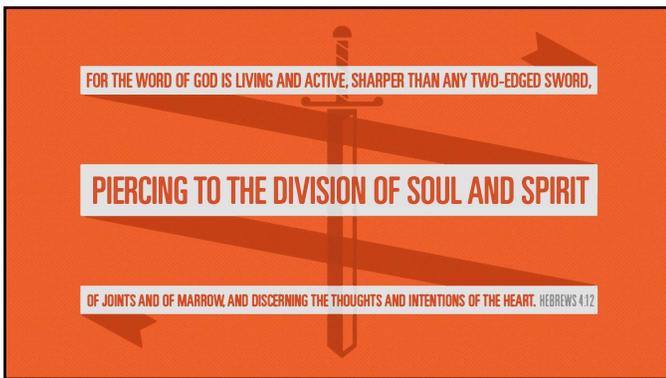
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Navigator Discipleship Tool

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**THE WORD HAND**

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**APPLY NOW** »

- PRAY: Acts 6:4** "But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."
- HEAR: 1 Thessalonians 2:13** For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.
- EAT: Psalms 19:10** They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.
- DO: James 1:22** But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.
- WORSHIP: 1 Timothy 4:13** Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.

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**APPLY NOW** »

- DILIGENT: 2 Timothy 2:15** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.
- PROCLAIM (Believers): 2 Timothy 4:2** preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.
- ENGAGE (Unbelievers): Acts 17:2** Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ." And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.
- ENTRUST: 2 Timothy 2:2** And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
- REVERE: Isaiah 66:2** "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the Lord. "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word."

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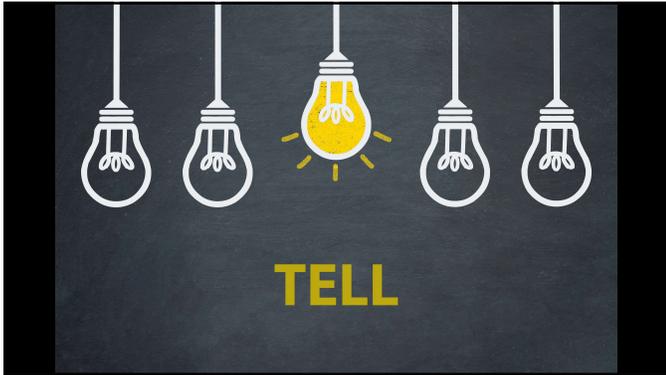
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**EVIDENCE THE BIBLE IS TRUE**

- **Scientific**
  - **Job 26:8** "He wraps up the waters in His clouds, And the cloud does not burst under them.
  - **Job 36:27** "For He draws up the drops of water, They distill rain from the mist, **28** Which the clouds pour down, They drip upon man abundantly.
  - **Job 37:16** "Do you know about the layers of the thick clouds, The wonders of one perfect in knowledge,
  - **Psalms 135:7** He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; Who makes lightnings for the rain, Who brings forth the wind from His treasuries.
  - **Isaiah 40:22** It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.
  - **Job 26:7** "He stretches out the north over empty space And hangs the earth on nothing.

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**EVIDENCE THE BIBLE IS TRUE**

- **Archeology /Geology** – Jericho (Archaeologist discoveries 1860s-1960s)
- **Prophecy**
  - Daniel (605–536 BC) / (Medo-Persia (539–331 BC), Greece (331–146 BC), Rome (146 BC–476 AD), Jesus 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming.
  - Cyrus (538 BC) in Isaiah 44:28 (739–686 BC) (~150 Years before)
- **Practical** – Describes the condition of man, his sin, portrays writers in negative light.

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**OTHER QUESTIONS**

- **New Revelation? No**
  - **Criteria: Does not contradict, Apostle, Prophet, Directly Connected**
  - **Ephesians 2:20** having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, **21** in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, **22** in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.
- **Bible Full of Contradictions:**
  - Can you show me two or three you found? There are no contradictions, and the context will clear up your confusion.

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**TALK**

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## SURVEY OF GREAT BIBLE TRUTHS: DOCTRINAL & PRACTICAL

1. Bibliology / Bible	
2. Theology / God the Father	8. Anthropology / Man
3. Christology / God the Son	9. Hamartiology / Sin
4. Pneumatology / God the Spirit	10. Soteriology / Salvation
5. Cosmology / Material & Spiritual Things	11. Israelology / Israel
6. Angelology / Angels	12. Ecclesiology / Church
7. Demonology / Satan & Demons	13. Eschatology / Last Things

### BIBLE STUDY THEOLOGY

#### STEP #1

**John 3:16** For God [**Theology**] so loved the world [**Anthropology**] [**Hamartiology**] that He [**Theology**] gave His only begotten Son [**Christology**], that whoever [**Anthropology**] [**Hamartiology**] believes [**Soteriology**] in Him should not perish [**Eschatology**] but have everlasting life [**Eschatology**].

**PRIMARY THEOLOGICAL THEME:** Soteriology / Salvation

**SECONDARY THEOLOGICAL THEME:** Theology & Christology

#### STEP #2

Read articles from systematic theologies on Salvation.

**2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; **17** so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

**2 Peter 1:20** But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, **21** for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**John 17:17** "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

**Matthew 4:4** But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.' "

**1 Corinthians 2:14** But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. **15** But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one.

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

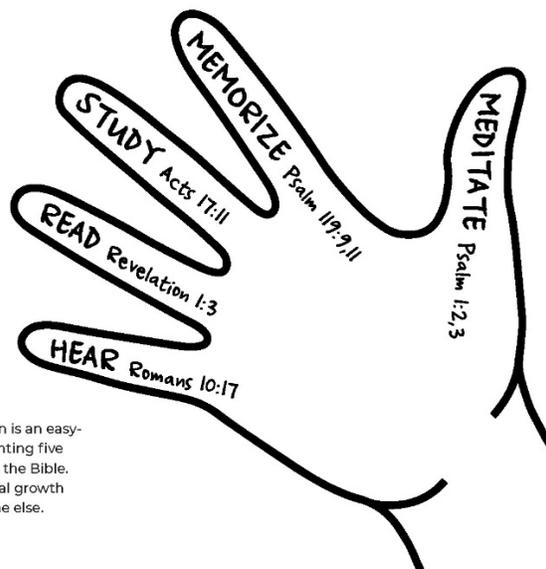
## KEY CHAPTERS

Psalm 19 & Psalm 119

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