

**I. The Word of God** : We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

**WHAT DO WE MEAN THAT THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD?**

1. There are multiple meanings of the phrase “Word of God” in the Bible. What are they?
  - a. Read Rev. 19:13, John 1:1,14, 1 John 1:1
    - i. These refer to the “Word of God” as \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. How common is this occurrence?
    - iii. What does this meaning indicate about God?
  - b. Read Gen. 1:3,24, Ps. 33:6, Heb. 1:3
    - i. These refer to the “Word of God” as \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. How common is this occurrence?
    - iii. What does this meaning indicate about God?
  - c. Read Gen. 2:16-17, Ex. 20:1-3, Matt. 3:17
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    - ii. How common is this occurrence?
    - iii. What does this meaning indicate about God?
  - d. Read Deut. 18:18-20, Jer. 1:9, Ezek.1-7, Deut. 18:20-22
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e. Deut. 31:24-26, Josh. 24:26, Isa. 30:8, 1 Cor. 14:37, 2 Peter 3:1-2

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2. The disbelief or disobedience of any form of the Word of God is that same as a \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Do you think that you would pay more attention if God spoke to you from heaven or through the voice of a living prophet than if he spoke to you from the written words of Scripture? Would you believe or obey such words more readily than you do Scripture?

4. Do you think your present level of response to the written words of Scripture is an appropriate one? What positive steps can you take to make your attitude toward Scripture more like the kind of attitude God wants you to have?

5. When you think about the many ways in which God speaks and the frequency with which God communicates with his creatures through these means, what conclusions might you draw concerning the nature of God and the things that bring delight to him?