

**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.

**THE WORD OF GOD IS:**

1. These refer to the “Word of God” as a Person: Jesus Christ
2. These refer to the “Word of God” as Speech by God
3. These refer to the “Word of God” as Personal Address
4. These refer to the “Word of God” as Speech through Human Lips
5. These refer to the “Word of God” in Written Form (the Bible)

Conclusion: The disbelief or disobedience of any form of the Word of God is the same as to disbelieve and disobey God.

**THE BIBLE AS THE WORD OF GOD WILL REFLECT THE CHARACTER OF GOD.**

1. Read Num. 23:19, Titus 1:1-3, Heb. 6:17-18
  - a. God is always \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Therefore God cannot \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Read Psalm 12:6, Psalm 19:7-11, Prov. 30:5-6
  - a. God’s word is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What can we conclude about the Bible as the Word of God from these characteristics of Gods?

**WHAT DID JESUS THINK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES?**

1. Read Matt. 5:17-19
  - a. Why would not Jesus need to abolish the Law or the Prophets?
  - b. What is implied in the accomplishment of all the Law?

**WHY DOES IT MATTER?**

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:16
  - a. What is the significance of the phrase “breathed out by God”?
  - b. Why does it matter that this quality applies to “all Scripture”?
  - c. What does this imply for those who reject all or part of the Bible?
  
2. Read John 8:31–38
  - a. What is the truth Jesus is referring to in John 8:32?
  - b. How does a person know this truth?
  - c. What is the slavery from which this truth will set a person free?
  - d. Why did the Jews want to kill Jesus?
  
3. Read 1 Corinthians 2:12–14
  - a. According to this passage, what is the ultimate reason behind a person’s refusal to accept the authority and trustworthiness of the Bible?
  - b. How should we respond in light of this? Be specific.