

## What do I do when I don't agree with or understand the Bible?

You're not alone... Ultimately, who are you willing to trust?

"Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction."

2 Peter 3:15-16

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"There are many texts we could use to show that the Bible is without error, but here's the simplest argument: Scripture did not come from the will of man; it came from God. And if it is God's word then it must all be true, for in him there can be no error or deceit."

Kevin DeYoung, "Taking God at his Word"

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"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6

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"On hearing it, many of his disciples said, 'This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?' Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, 'Does this offend you? ... The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe' ... From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. 'You do not want to leave too, do you?' Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.'"

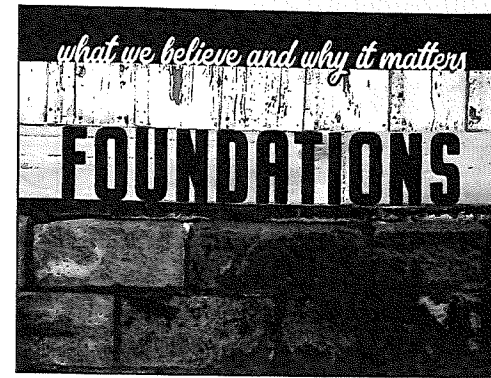
John 6:60-61,63-64,66-69

## HIGHLY RECOMMENDED RESOURCES ON THIS SUBJECT

"Taking God at His Word", Kevin DeYoung (Free ebook - Crossway Pub.)

"What is the Bible", The Bible Project (Free videos - [thebibleproject.com](http://thebibleproject.com))

"The Bible for Grownups", Andy Stanley (Free videos - [yourmove.is](http://yourmove.is))



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## The Bible: Part 2

### The Authority of Scripture

#### 2 Peter 1:12-21

**12** So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. **13** I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, **14** because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. **15** And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

**16** For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. **17** He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." **18** We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

**19** We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. **20** Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. **21** For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## What is the Bible?

It is a library of the stories of God and his people.

# Who Wrote the Bible

by Bibleinfo.com



Army Generals

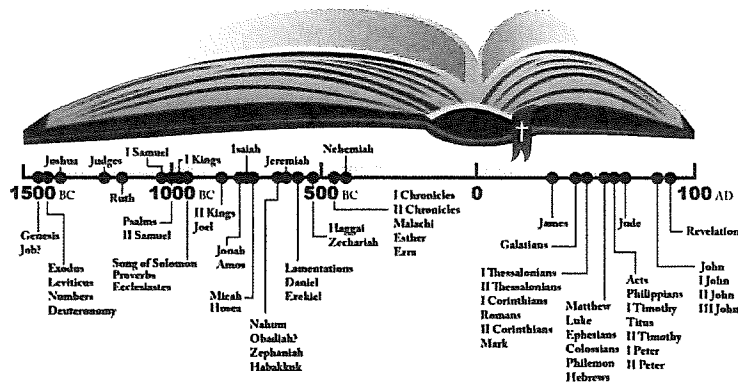


Priests



Shepherds

## When Were the Books Written?



It is also much more than that.

The Bible is filled with...

- History
- Poetry
- Wisdom
- Prophecy
- Gospel (Good News)
- Instruction
- Eschatology (End times theology)

## Why should I read the Bible?

It's how we learn to know God truly and more deeply.

"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

John 17:3,17

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living. . . And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead."

1 Corinthians 15:3-6,14-15

"In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Hebrews 1:1-3

The life and resurrection of Christ validates the Word of God.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.." 2 Timothy 3:16

"How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word."

Psalms 119:9-16

Relationships are not static, they require participation. Reading the Bible gives God an opportunity to speak deeply into our lives and gives us an opportunity to respond.