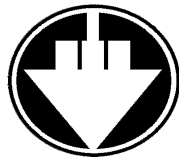


# Heritage Christian Church

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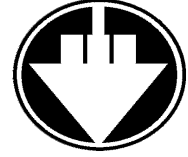


*Constructing a Biblical Worldview*

*(Lesson 2 of 8)*

# ***Grounded Beliefs***

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## **Day 1**

### ***The Doctrine of the Word of God, the Bible***

#### **WHERE DID THE BIBLE COME FROM?**

The Bible is not just one book but a collection of dozens of books - 66 in all. Here are some important facts about where the Bible came from:

- It was written over a 1,400 year time period and over 40 generations.
- It was written by 40 authors from all walks of life - kings, peasants, philosophers, poets, fishermen, statesmen, scholars, doctors, businessmen, etc.
- It was written on three continents (Asia, Africa, and Europe) and in many different places (dungeons, palaces, while traveling, the wilderness, etc.)
- It was written in three languages (Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic).

The Bible is self-attesting. Read 2 Timothy 3:16, 17. Where did scripture originate?

What impact does it have on your life?

According to 2 Peter 1:20-21, how did the prophets, or writers of scripture, know what to write?

What do these biblical authors say about the Word of God?

Proverbs 30:5, 6

Hebrews 4:12

#### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE BIBLE**

According to 2 Timothy 2:15, how are you approved by God?

Read Acts 17:10, 11. How can you tell if someone is teaching true or false doctrine?

## **Day 2**

### ***The Doctrine of God***

God exists in three Persons- the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, also known as the Trinity. In this lesson, we will take a closer look at three of the major doctrines in which every follower of Christ should be grounded.

As we, in our own human capacity, make a feeble attempt to know and understand who God is, it must be made clear that we can never *fully* understand God. The writers of these Psalms say this about God:

“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.” Psalm 145:3.

“Great is our God, and abundant in power;  
His understanding is beyond measure.”  
Psalm 147:5

“Such knowledge is too wonderful for me.”  
Psalm 139:6 (See also Romans 11:33)

Yet we can only *truly* know God based on all that scripture tells us about Him.

**GOD IS OMNIPRESENT** (Note- the Latin prefix *OMNI-* means “ALL”)

God is unlimited with respect to time and space. He is present everywhere at every time. What do these Biblical authors say about God’s omnipresence?  
Psalm 139:7-10

Jeremiah 23:23-24

**GOD IS OMNISCIENT**

God is all knowing and knows everything everywhere including the beginning and end of time in one simple and eternal act. What do these Biblical authors say about God’s omniscience?  
Matthew 10:29, 30

Hebrews 4:13

**GOD IS OMNIPOTENT**

God is all-powerful and there are no limits to what He decides to do. What do these verses say about God’s omnipotence?  
Matthew 19:26

Jeremiah 32:17, 27

Knowing that God is all knowing, all powerful, and everywhere at one time, how should this affect the way you live?

### ***Day 3***

### ***The Doctrine of Jesus Christ***

#### **THE HUMANITY OF CHRIST**

Read Matthew 1:18-25. What is unique about Mary’s conception?

Verses 18, 20, 25

Verses 22, 23

According to these following verses, how was Jesus just like any other human?

Matthew 4:2

Matthew 26:38

Luke 2:40

John 4:6

John 19:28

Hebrews 4:15

In what ways was He *not* like us?

John 8:46

Hebrews 4:15

### **THE DEITY OF CHRIST**

Jesus was fully divine. The term “incarnate” refers to the fact that Jesus was God in human flesh.

What do the following verses tell you about the Deity of Christ?

Matthew 1:23

John 1: 1-3, 14, 18

Colossians 2:9

Titus 2:13

According to these verses, why did the Jews want to kill Jesus?

John 5:18

John 10:33

## **Day 4**

### ***The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit***

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity. In the Old Testament, the Spirit entered and departed from people at will. There was no permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit. In Psalm 51:11, King David says, "Do not take Thy Holy Spirit from me."

In the New Testament, however, God's Spirit does permanently indwell Christians. What do the following verses say about the indwelling of the Spirit?

Romans 8:9-11

1 Corinthians 6:19

Ephesians 1:13-14

What specific role does the Holy Spirit play according to these verses?

John 14:16-18, 26

John 16:7-14

Acts 1:8

Romans 8:26

1 Corinthians 2:10-11

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Just as you came to Christ on your own free will, you can also choose to follow or reject the Spirit's promptings. What is the warning given to Christ followers?

Ephesians 4:30

1 Thessalonians 5:19

## **Day 5**

### ***“Grounded Beliefs”***

Christ followers accept all 66 books of the Bible as the actual and literal word of God as given by Him through the prophets. They rely on its accuracy and will seek to abide by all that is written in it. The Bible will always overrule human reasoning and will be the standard by which all other teachings or “so-called truth” are measured.

Devoted followers of Christ will also study the Bible and become grounded in all aspects of the Christian faith so as to recognize and refute false doctrines.

### ***Personal Response Grounded Beliefs***

Do you regard the Bible as God’s final authority in all areas of the Christian life and do you desire to be wholly obedient to it?

Yes  
 Yes, except for...

No

Please explain any reservations you have.

Rate your level of competency of the Bible regarding these major doctrines. In other words, how comfortable are you in explaining these to someone who does not know God?

The Bible

God

Jesus Christ

The Holy Spirit

Humanity (the condition of man, sin)

Salvation and Redemption

The Church

In what doctrinal issues do you feel you need additional teaching?

Explain how, if ever, you have been able to use your grounded beliefs in helping another person turn to God.