

### **Justin's Positional Statement:**

We can be assured that the Bible is trustworthy for three reasons.

1. First, the Bible is trustworthy because it is God's divine revelation of truth given to man that leads to salvation. By the truth found in the Bible we may know God through a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. A truth that is given by God which leads to salvation is intuitively one that can be trusted.
2. Second, the Bible is trustworthy because it is inerrant, which means it is also infallible, or trustworthy. Its inerrancy and infallibility can be seen as it has stood the test of time, experience, and persecution continually revealing its truth to those who will listen. The numerous Old Testament prophecies which see fulfillment in the New Testament again point to its trustworthiness.
3. Third, the Bible is trustworthy because as the inerrant truth of God revealed it claims to be a trustworthy authority for life. The trustworthiness of the Bible is attested inside of scripture as a collection of 66 books written over 1500 years by over 40 authors of varying backgrounds, in multiple languages, and on several continents that all write with a common theme and goal to show God's redemptive plan of salvation for all who would believe in Jesus as the Messiah.

Psalms 119:160; Luke 21:33; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21

### **Tim's Positional Statement:**

The Bible is trustworthy because:

1. Science has not and cannot disprove the Bible.
2. Geography findings have confirmed locations, dates, and people mentioned in the Bible.
3. Trusted historical documents have validated events covered in the Bible. The Bible is a historical document and has more copies with fewer errors than any other historical document.

### **Historical Works**

#### **Homer's "The Odyssey"**

- 3 copies, 2000 years after the original

#### **Caesar's "Gallic Wars"**

- 10 copies, 900 years after the original

#### **The New Testament**

- 5500 copies, 100 years after the original

## **Dead Sea Scrolls**

- Found in 1949
- Every Book in the OT represented except Ester
- Included the entire book of Isaiah that dated 100 BC
- Earliest Copy of Isaiah, before the Dead Sea Scrolls, dated to 700 AD
- Only 17 LETTERS were different - (NO major change in the message)

4. The Bible includes prophetic messages that ALL come true 100's of years later. The Bible includes 66 Books by 40 Authors written in 3 Languages on 3 continents over 1500 years. There are 66,779 Connections throughout the Bible that tell 1 story of God's Love and plan to redeem His people. Only the one true God could accomplish that.

Why would God go to that much trouble to give us a bunch of lies? He would not and did not. The Bible is the True and Living Word of God and IS TRUSTWORTHY!

## **Raymond Positional Statement:**

Reasons the Bible is Trustworthy:

1. Inspired by God. (God, the creator and sustainer of the universe, gave us His word as a gift and guide for all mankind as a means to reveal himself.
2. Proven by History, Archeology, and Prophecy
3. Proven by Changed lives: Apostles, Martyrs, Centuries of Faithful witnesses, and still changing lives today

More than any other book, the answer to the question "is the Bible trustworthy" the answer is an astounding YES! Truth is objective and timeless, despite what liberal minds would suggest. The sheer weight of the Bible's fantastical truth claims and stories may seem hard to believe. Even the most conservative minds recognize it the Bible to be hard to accept. Yet even in its complexity and despite countless attempts to discredit the Bible, it has been proven to be infallible and reliable. Upon analysis of the data it would be intellectually negligent and dishonest to claim the untrustworthiness of the Bible. This amazing compilation of books, letters, and accounts were written by real people in history under the inspiration of God. There is countless complimentary documentation, archeological and eye-witness historical evidence to support its validity- none greater than real life of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. The Bible is remarkably consistent with itself. Yet perhaps the greatest evidence of its truthfulness is the evidence of changed lives of those who wrestle with it.