

In Search of Spiritual Treasure
Lesson #2
Doctrine of the Bible
“Is the Bible the Word of God?”

Introduction

- A. Arthur Pink: “Christianity is the religion of a Book. Christianity is based upon the impregnable rock of Holy Scripture. The starting point of all doctrinal discussion must be the Bible. Upon the foundation of the Divine Inspiration of the Bible stands or falls the entire edifice of Christian truth.”**
- B. 2 Peter 1: 19-21.**
- C. The Bible has dual authorship.**
- 1. Written by men in their own language.**
 - 2. Supernaturally guided by the Holy Spirit.**
- D. Six questions will be dealt with in our study of “the doctrine of the Bible.”**
1. Is the Bible the Word of God? Question of Revelation.
 2. Are the Words of the Bible accurate? Inspiration.
 3. Are the Words of the Bible authoritative? Inerrancy.
 4. Do the present books of the Bible belong there? Canonicity.
 5. Can we interpret the message in today’s language? Hermeneutics.
 6. Can we understand and apply the Bible to our lives? Illumination.
- E. The question today is: Is the Bible the Word of God ?**
- F. This is a question of Revelation.**
- G. “Revelation is the act of God whereby He gives Knowledge of Himself which man could not otherwise know.”**
- I. The Methods of Revelation.**
- A. God revealed Himself in a Variety of ways.**
- Visions - Isaiah 6 Dreams - Daniel 2
Poetry - Psalm 139 Biography - Gospels
Sermons - Matthew 5 Face to Face - Deut. 5:4
Wrote on Stone - Deut. 10:4 Miracles - John 6
Parables - Luke 15 Inner compulsion - Acts 21: 10-13
History - 1 & 2 Chronicles Angels - Luke 1: 26-38.
Jesus Christ - John 1:14.

B. God has revealed Himself in two areas.

1. General Revelation. Nature, conscience, and history.

2. Special Revelation. Bible and Christ.

II. Arguments Supporting the Bible as the Word of God.

A. The Unique revelation of Jesus.

B. The Claims that the Bible is from God.

C. The Fulfillment of prophecy.

D. The Unity of the message from diverse human sources.

E. The Trans-cultural appeal of the message.

F. The Honesty of the Bible.