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***Biblical Authority,  
Part 2***

**2 Timothy 3:16-17, et al.**

**“The Bible is our sole and final authority  
in all matters of belief and practice.”**

**The Bible, God's Word, is divine revelation that God has given about Himself and His plan for humanity. It is inspired, inerrant, infallible, and unchanging. It is absolute Truth that is powerful and life-changing. In the Bible, we have everything we need in order to know and live for God.**

**canonicity**

## **Luke 24:44-45**

**“And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.”**

# Apocrypha

## **Luke 11:51**

**“From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.”**

**The Bible is self-authenticating.**

**1. God has providentially preserved  
His Word throughout history.**

## **Matthew 24:35**

**“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but  
my words shall not pass away.”**

**1. God has providentially preserved  
His Word throughout history.**

**2. Inspired books display the attributes of canonicity.**

**A. Apostolic Origin**

**B. Recognition by the Church**

**C. Divine Qualities in its Content**

## Hebrews 4:12

**“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”**

**A. Apostolic Origin**

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**C. Divine Qualities in its Content**

### **3. Internal testimony of the Holy Spirit.**

## **1 Corinthians 2:14**

**“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”**