What the Bible Says about Itself

*"Jesus loves me this I
know, for the Bible tells
me so."*

1. **The *Bible* claims to be the very *Word of God.*** Certainly the prophets believed God spoke through them.

   - *2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

   - *Jeremiah 1:9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.*

2. **The *Bible* claims its authority to be from heaven.** The authority of the *Bible* is intrinsic and inherent. In no sense is the authority of the Bible derived from human testimony.

   - *Isaiah 1:2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.*

3. **The *Bible* claims that it contains no errors.** It is inerrant. There are no mistakes in any of its parts.

   - *Psalms 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.*

   - *Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.*

   - *Psalms 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.*

4. **The *Bible* says of itself that its words cannot be broken.** It is infallible. It will not read anyone who reads it astray.

   - *John 1 0:35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the Scripture cannot be broken;*

   - *Matthew 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

5. **The *Bible* claims it can be comprehended.** While some parts of the Bible are *"hard to understand"* (2 Peter 3:16) it is clear and can be understood by the ordinary Christians regardless of human intelligence or academic achievement. Even children can understand

doctrinal truths for parents are commanded to teach the *Scriptures* to their children.

- *Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.*

The simple man can understand the Bible and be made wise.

- *Psalms 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.*

6. **The *Bible* declares it is necessary.** The *Bible* is necessary

to make the soul wise unto salvation.

- *2 Timothy 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

The *Bible* is necessary for sanctification.

- *John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is*

truth. The *Bible* is necessary for knowing the will of God.

- *2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

7. **The *Bible* claims to be the sufficient and final voice through Jesus Christ the Lord.**

- *Hebrews 1:1-2 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;*

- *John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God…14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

8. **No one can reject the *Bible* and have a right relationship with the living Lord Jesus Christ.**

- *John 8:30-31 As he [Jesus] spake these words, many believed on him. 31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed.*