

What Makes The Christian Bible So Special?

Christianity believes and teaches that the Bible alone is the revealed Word of God. Even though it was written by human beings, the ultimate author was God Almighty.

The Christian Bible makes this claim about itself.

1 Peter 1:25 [NIV] *“but the word of the Lord stands for ever.” And this is the word that was preached to you.”*

The Word of God, The Christian Bible, is eternal in nature, it is valid for every generation throughout the history of humanity.

2 Timothy 3:16 [NIV] *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,”*

All scripture, Old and New Testaments, was inspired by God Himself through the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:20-21 [NIV] *“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”*

God inspired the writers so that all that is written is authentic and reliable.

Over 2,000 times in the Old Testament alone we find such phrases as “*God spoke to Moses*”, “*the Word of the Lord came unto Jonah*” and “*God said.*”

The mere fact that The Christian Bible claims to be the Word of God does not prove that it is, for there are other non-Christian books that make the same claim.

One reason why The Christian Bible is different from these other books is its unity.

Although the Bible was composed by human beings at different times in human history, its unity reveals the hand of the Almighty God.

The contents of The Christian Bible deals with many controversial subjects, yet it is one unit.

From beginning to its end it is one unfolding account of God’s plan of salvation for all humanity.

The salvation is through the person of Jesus Christ.

John 14:6 [NIV] *“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.”*

The need for the life, sacrifice and the resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ starts in the garden with Adam and Eve in the book of Genesis and ends in Revelation with His second coming to set up the Kingdom of God on earth.

John 5:39, 46-47 [NIV] *“You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me,” ... “If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?”*

The Old Testament is full of prophecy pertaining to Jesus Christ.

Luke 24:27, 44-46 [NIV] *“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.” ... “He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,”*

Many things that Jesus did and what happened to Him were foretold through the prophets in the Old Testament.

The Christian Bible is all about Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 40:1-5 [NIV] *“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling: “In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”*

God introduced as our Saviour, a form of preparation.

John 1:29 [NIV] *“The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”*

The manifestation of Jesus Christ.

Acts 1:8 [NIV] *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

The propagation of the message about Jesus Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit in His disciples.

Colossians 1:27 [NIV] *“To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”*

The explanation of the hope that all humanity can have in Jesus Christ.

Revelation 1:7 [NIV] *“Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.”*

The consummation of the work of Jesus Christ, His return to take over rulership of all humanity.

The Christian Bible is one unit with each part needing all the others to tell the complete account of why human beings were created and given a span of physical life.

Lest you consider this isn't something marvellous, I would like you to find ten people in your local community who speak the same language and are basically the same culture.

Separate them and ask them to write their opinions on only one controversial subject, such as “*what is the meaning of life?*”

Compare their conclusions.

Do they agree with each other?

Of course not.

The Christian Bible has forty authors, written over a period of 1,500 years, in three different languages, covering hundreds of subjects.

Yet the Bible is one harmonious unit, all the authors agreeing on each subject covered.

This unity of the scriptures is only one reason among many which supports The Christian Bible's claim to be the Divine Word of God.

The testimony of the early Christian Church.

Archaeology.

Changed lives, throughout the centuries.

The Christian Bible is unique.

No other book has such credentials.

No other book even comes close to The Christian Bible.

Study it with confidence, knowing it really is the Word of the Creator God.