



"THE CHRISTIAN AND THE BIBLE"

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FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BIBLE

1ST THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE

2 Tim 3:16-17 **"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work."**

Jeremiah 1:9 **"I have put my words in your mouth."**

1 Corinthians 2:13 **"When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths."**

2ND THE POWER OF THE BIBLE

Genesis 1:3 **"Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."**

Psalms 33:6 **"The Lord merely spoke, and the heavens were created. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born."**

John 4:50 (NIV) **"Jesus replied, 'You may go. Your son will live.' The man took Jesus at his word and departed."**

Mark 4:39 **"He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm."**

Romans 10:17 **"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."**

Romans 1:16 **"It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile."**

3RD THE NEED FOR THE BIBLE

Psalms 131:2 (NIV) **"I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me."**

4TH THE CENTRAL MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE

John 1:1-3, 14 **"In the beginning the Word (Jesus) already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.... 14 So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness."**

Hebrews 1:1-2 (NIV) **"In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son..."**