



1. We believe that the Bible (i.e. the Old and New Testaments excluding the Apocrypha), is the inspired Word of God, the infallible, all sufficient rule for faith and practice.

John 1:1 tells us that in the beginning was the word, which the rest of the chapter informs us is Christ. The Greek word is Logos this same word is what is used to describe the scriptures. Therefore, what we can conclude is the bible is actually the very nature, character and essence of Christ our Lord. And put simply the Bible is Jesus in Published form. When we are studying it we are trying to get to know Jesus more. In the same way we might fall in love with someone and then find out much about them. From that knowledge we then begin to form a picture of who the Lord is and what offends Him and makes Him happy. From that we can then be directed in our path and when we pray to the Lord and He answers from His word.

This is a statement that has to be believed by Faith but 2 Timothy 3:16 gives us evidence for this faith. It tells us all scripture is God breathed, meaning inspired by the Holy Spirit, as the same breath which animated the valley of the dry bones. This reveals that the word of God is not a dead book, with a codex of laws written to which we must apply ourselves, but a living book, which is prophetic, revealing Jesus at work in the world we live in. 2 Peter 1:21 confirms this to us revealing that no man can prophecy, only the Lord knows the end from the beginning.

these statements are statements of faith, that is they are based on our belief that there is a Lord God, who sent His son to die upon a cross to make atonement for you and for me, that when we accept His salvation. And the reader must see the bible as divine and true. If you look to the bible to prove itself, you will find holes not because there are any, but because it requires patients and work to understand the word, but faith to know that the scriptures are complete.

But how do we know it is just these 66 books and not other profound philosophies, so called Spiritual books or lost gospels?

Firstly, Isaiah 40:8, tells us the Word of God is above all of man's philosophy, and will outlast them, there is no other revelation higher than the scriptures.

Secondly the structure of the 66 books reveals the prophetic nature of these specific books as each one inter-links with another as Scripture interprets scripture. The old testament is the new testament concealed and the New testament is the Old testament revealed. Finally, the scarlet thread of God's redemption carries on through the 66 books, beginning with God's promise in Genesis 3:15 and its fulfilment revealed in Revelation. Thus confirming its prophetic nature, as each narrative highlights God's redemptive plan for mankind, through Abraham, the sacrificial system, Davidic kings, exile and restoration.