

The Glory Story
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2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 19

A survey by the Bible Society concluded that around 2.5 billion copies of the Bible were printed between 1815 and 1975, but more recent estimates put the number at more than 5 billion. (Guinness Book of World Records)

The Bible is the Best-Selling Book of all time!

- 66 books of the Bible
- Over 40 writers
- Written over the course of 1,500 years!

The Bible is inerrant, which means “free from error”.

The Bible was written in three languages:

- Hebrew
- Aramaic
- Greek

It has been translated in over 2,000 languages.

Famous people commenting on the importance of the Bible:

George Washington: *“It is impossible to rightly govern the world without the Bible.”*

John Adams: *“The Bible is the best book in the world. It contains more...than all the libraries I have seen.”*

Abraham Lincoln: *“But for this Book we could not know right from wrong. I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man.”*

Winston Churchill: *“We rest with assurance upon the impregnable rock of Holy Scripture.”*

Douglas MacArthur (General): *“Believe me, sir, never a night goes by, be I ever so tired, but I read the Word of God before I go to bed.”*

Sir Isaac Newton: *“We account the Scriptures of God to be the most sublime philosophy. I find more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history whatsoever.”*

Daniel Webster: *“I believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the will and the Word of God.”*

Benjamin Franklin: *“Young men, my advice to you is that you cultivate an acquaintance with, and a firm belief in, the Holy Scriptures.”*

Charles Dickens: *“It is the best Book that ever was or ever will be in the world...”*

Saint Augustine: *“Let us give in and yield our assent to the authority of Holy Scripture, which knows not how either to be deceived or to deceive...”*

Martin Luther: *“It cannot be otherwise, for the Scriptures are Divine; in them God speaks, and they are His Word. To hear or to read the Scriptures is nothing else that to hear God.”*

1. The _____ of the Scriptures.

- a. **Revelation** - God to man.

“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son...” **Hebrews 1:1-2a**

God revealed Himself in many ways: through angels, loud voice, still small voice, nature, the mouth of a donkey (Num. 22:28), dreams, visions, and Jesus Himself.

~ **Dr. H.L. Willmington**

- b. **Inspiration** - man to paper.

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

- i. “Inspiration means “God breathed”
- ii. When God breathes He gives life! (Gen. 2:7)
- iii. We believe in a plenary (all) verbal (word) inspiration, meaning every word of the Bible is from God.

- c. **Illumination**—paper to heart

“But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” **1 Corinthians 2:14**

2. The _____ of the Scriptures.

- a. **Creation**—God creates everything and it is good.
- b. **Fall**—God gives man a choice to obey or disobey.
- c. **Redemption**—Christ redeems His people through His finished work on the Cross.
- d. **Restoration**—all those who are in Jesus Christ are being restored/restored; even creation itself groans for that wonderful day when Christ returns (Romans 8:21).

3. The _____ of the Scriptures. (Psalms 19:7-12) (notice the progression)

- a. God’s Law is perfect. (vs 7)
- b. God’s Word converts the soul. (psych or self, desires, will) (vs7)
- c. God’s Word gives us wisdom. (vs7)
- d. Reading God’s Word causes us to rejoice, (vs 8)
- e. God’s Word opens our spiritual eyes. (vs 8)
- f. God’s Word is pure. (vs 8)
- g. God’s Word is sweet to the taste-sweeter than honey. (vs 10)
- h. God’s Word directs, instructs, and warns us. (vs 11)
- i. God’s Word is rewarding when obeyed and memorized. (vs 11)
- j. God’s Word cleanses our thoughts. (vs 12)

Prayer Focus:

1. That we fall in love with the Word of God.
2. That we search the Scriptures and let the Scriptures search us.
3. That we become more appreciative to what God has given us.