







What Is the Bible?

- God's Word, God's words

God has spoken.

WHY?!

- God's self-revelation

God has made himself known.

WHY?!

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So that...

We might **KNOW GOD**,
and in knowing Him,
we **KNOW OURSELVES**
and we **UNDERSTAND**
THE WORLD and
OUR PLACE in it.

*The Bible is God's story,
and He wrote it so that
we could be in right
relationship with Him,
people, and the world.*

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Why Does This Matter?

- Not a human book
- Inspired - "God-breathed"

*2 Timothy 3:16 – "All Scripture is inspired by God
["God-breathed"]..."*

*1 Peter 1:21 – "...men moved by the Holy Spirit
spoke from God"*

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- Authoritative

Its authority "depends not upon the testimony of any man or church, but wholly upon God (who is truth itself), the author thereof; therefore it is to be received because it is the Word of God"

Second London Confession of Faith

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- Trustworthy

Psalm 33:4 – "For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all that he does."

John 17:17 – "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

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The Purpose of the Bible

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2 Timothy 3:15-17 (ESV)

"...and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able (1) to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable (2) for teaching, (3) for reproof, (4) for correction, and (5) for training in righteousness, (6) that the person of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

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Reflection

- What do you think about the idea that *God has spoken*?
- How does his voice "compete" with all the other voices in our world?


