

**1. The Bible is a basically reliable and trustworthy document of history.**

**Historicity of the Bible**

**2. On the basis of this, we have sufficient evidence to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**

**Who Is Jesus?**

**3. Jesus Christ teaches that the Bible is the Word of God.**

**The Inspiration and Inerrancy of the Bible**

**4. Therefore, the Bible is the Word of God and Christianity is true.**

**The Truth of Christianity**

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**The Inspiration and Inerrancy of the Bible**

**The Nature of God**



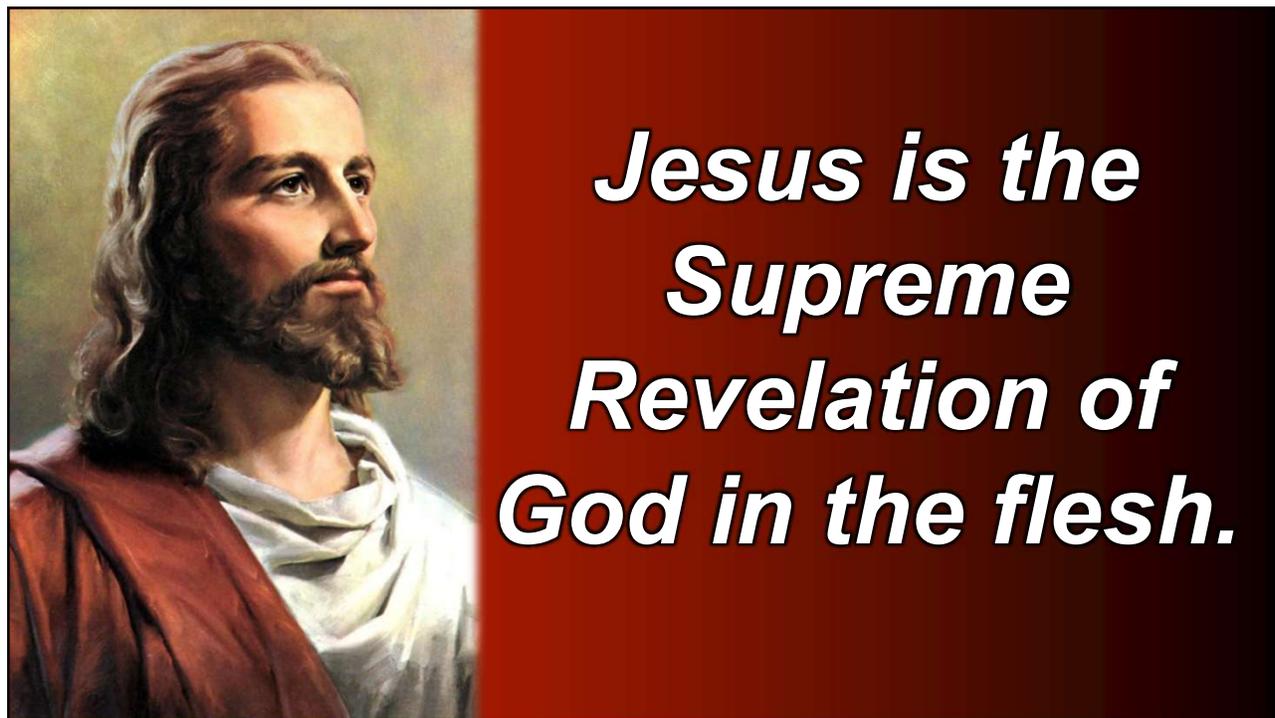
**The Nature of Inspiration**



**The Nature of Scripture**



**Inerrancy**



## ∞ Deut. 18:18 ∞

*"I will raise up for them a Prophet like you [Moses] from among their brethren, and will put my words in His mouth and He shall speak to them all that I command Him."*

### ∞ Deut. 34:10 ∞

*"But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew **face to face**."*

### ∞ John 1:1 ∞

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was **with** God, and the Word was God."*

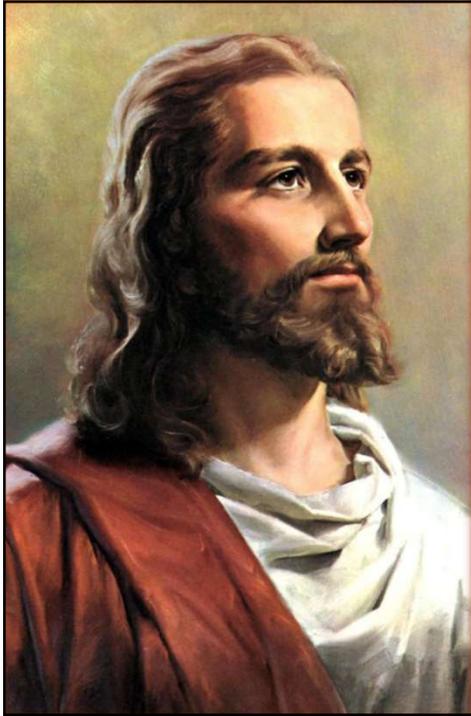
The Greek word for 'with' is  
**πρὸς (pros).**

The Greek word for 'face' is  
**πρόσωπον (prosōpon).**

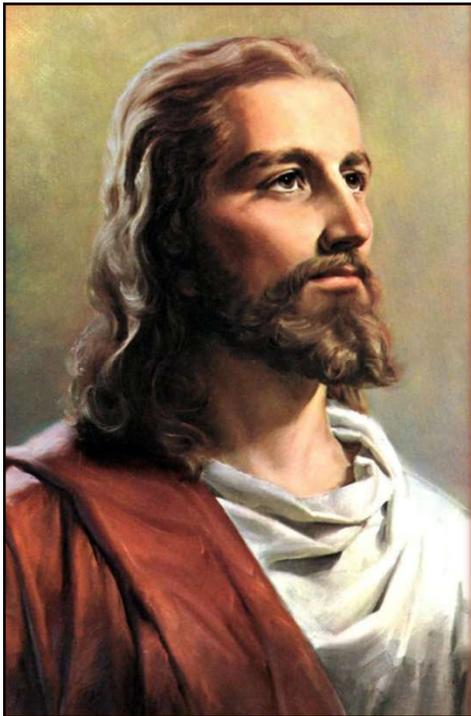


✧ Hebrews 1:1-2 ✧

*"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, {2} has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds."*

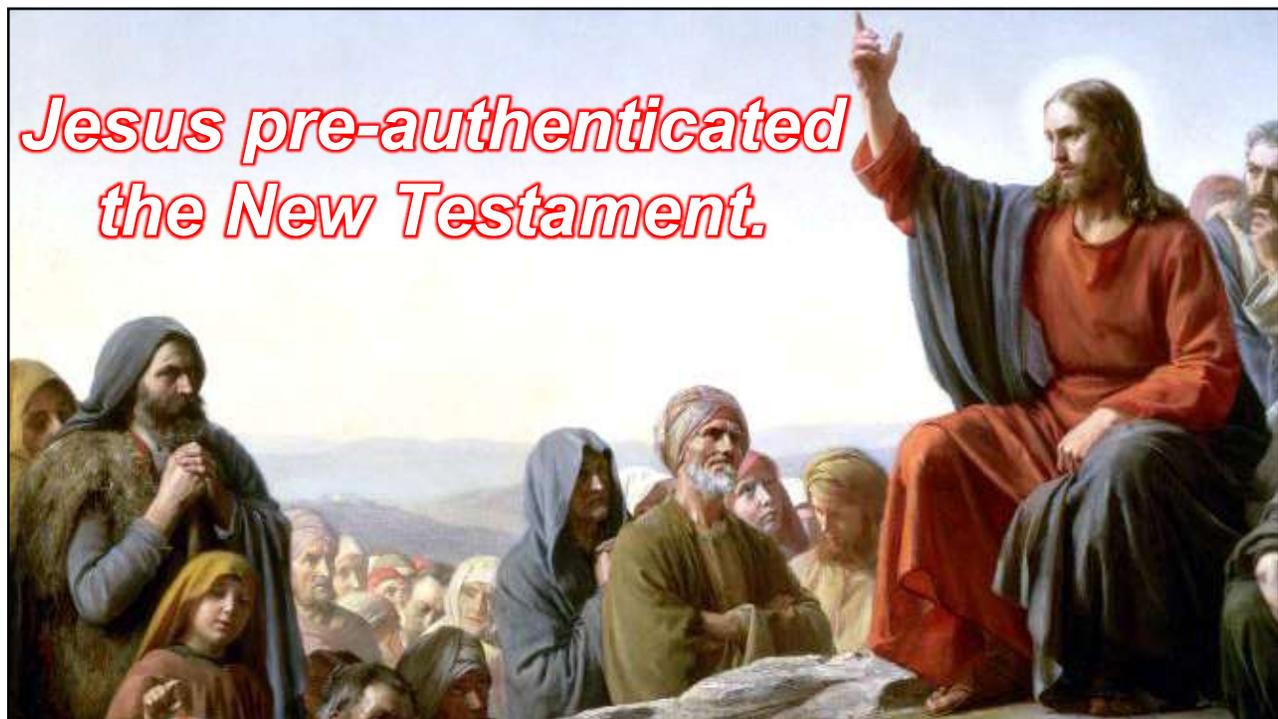


**The household of  
God is built on the  
foundation of Jesus  
and His apostles.**



**∞ Eph. 2:19-20 ∞**

***"Now, therefore, you are no longer  
strangers and foreigners, but fellow  
citizens with the saints and members  
of the household of God, {20} having  
been built on the foundation of the  
apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ  
Himself being the chief cornerstone,  
foundation"***

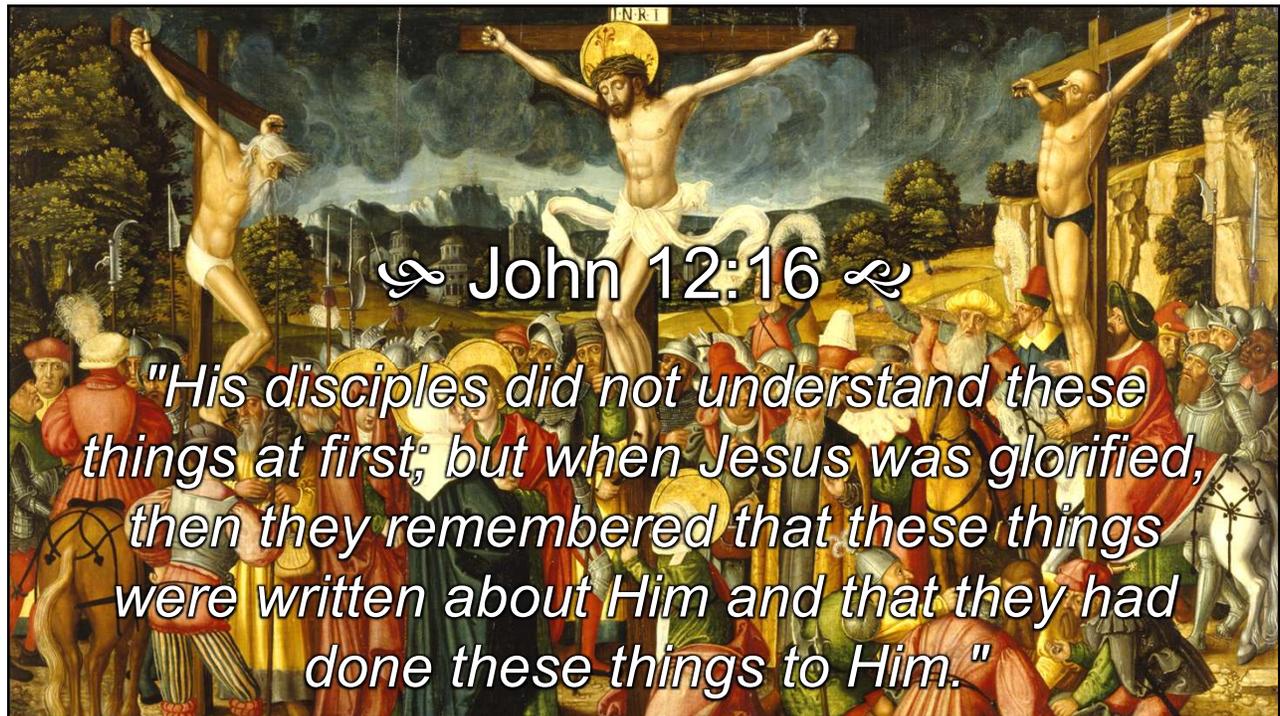


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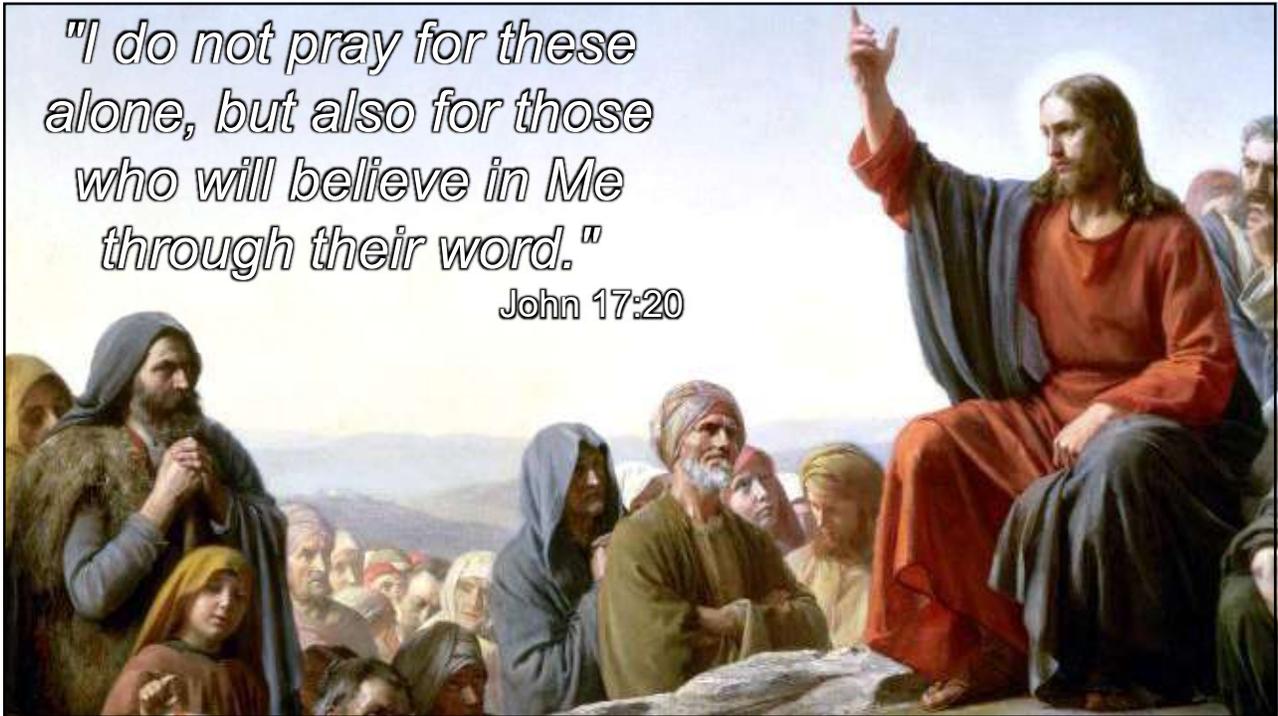
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*"I do not pray for these  
alone, but also for those  
who will believe in Me  
through their word."*

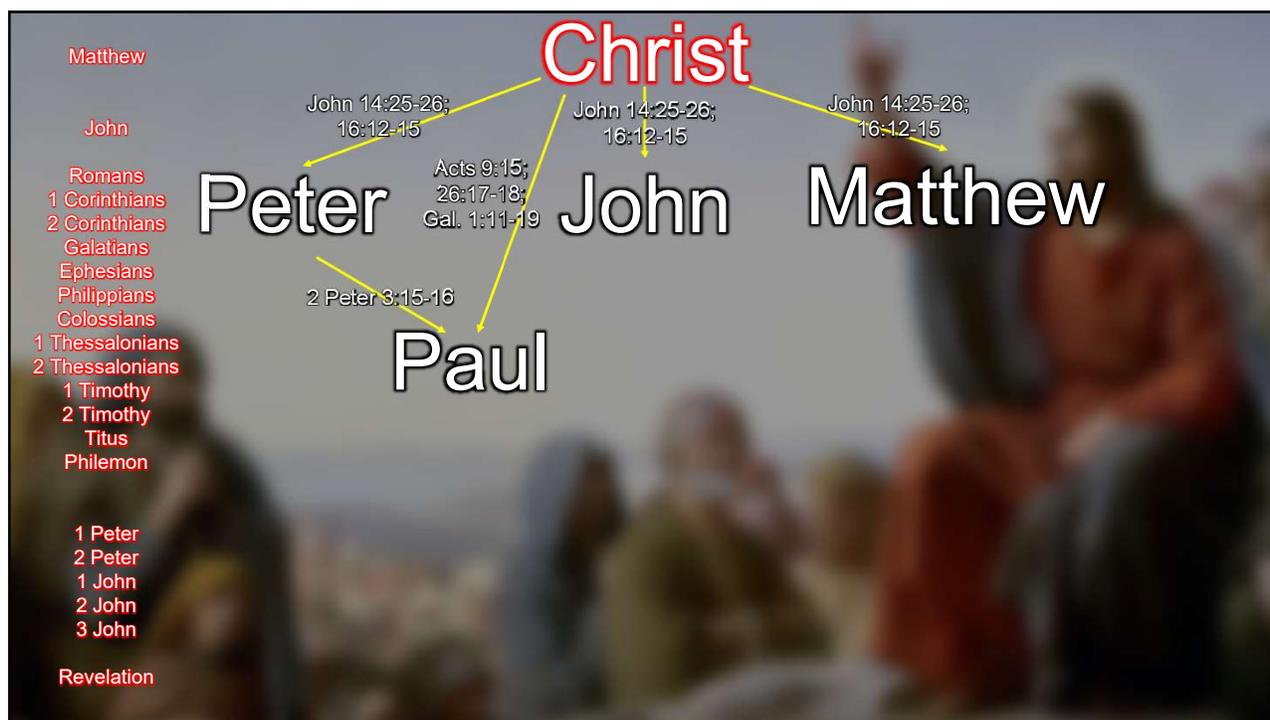
John 17:20



# *Three Divisions of the New Testament*



<b>Historical</b>	"... bring to your remembrance ..." John 14:26 <b>Matthew - Acts</b>
<b>Teaching</b>	"... teach you all things ..." John 14:26 <b>Romans - Jude</b>
<b>Prophecy</b>	"... tell you things to come ..." John 16:13 <b>Revelation</b>



**Christ**

Matthew  
Mark  
John  
Romans  
1 Corinthians  
2 Corinthians  
Galatians  
Ephesians  
Philippians  
Colossians  
1 Thessalonian  
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Revelation

**Acts 9:15-16**

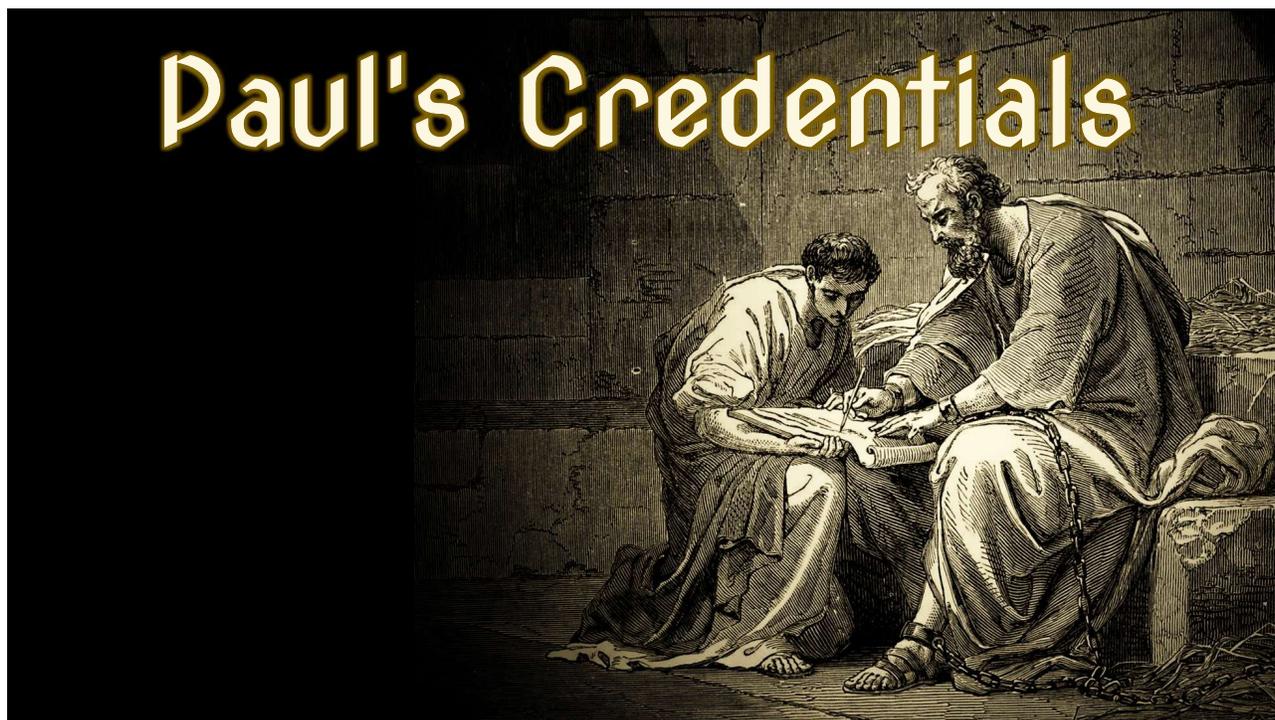
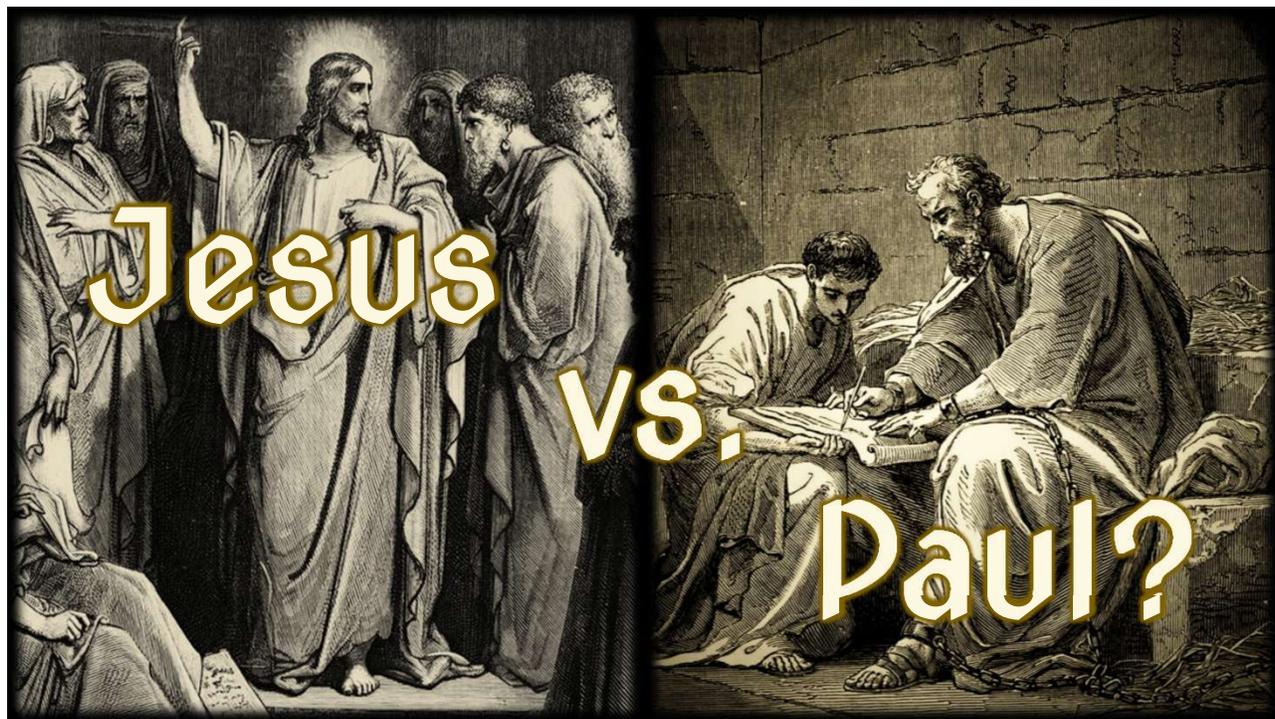
**But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. {16} For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."**

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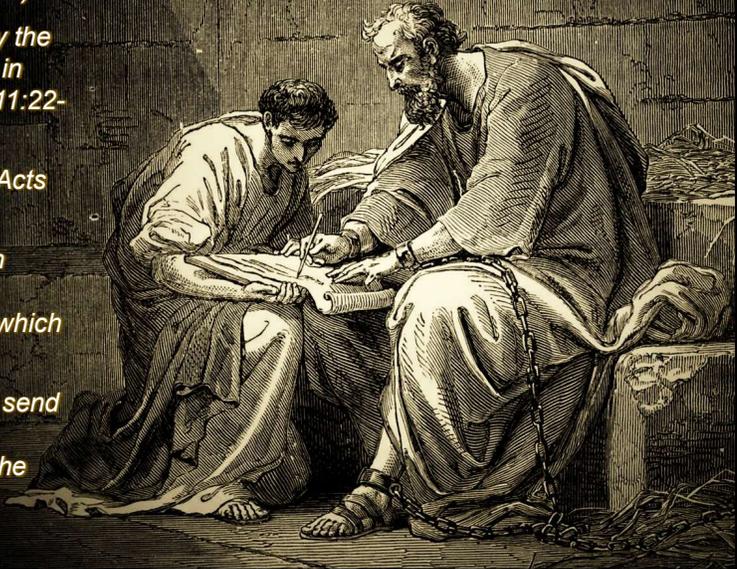
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**Acts 13:1-3**

**Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. {2} As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." {3} Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.**



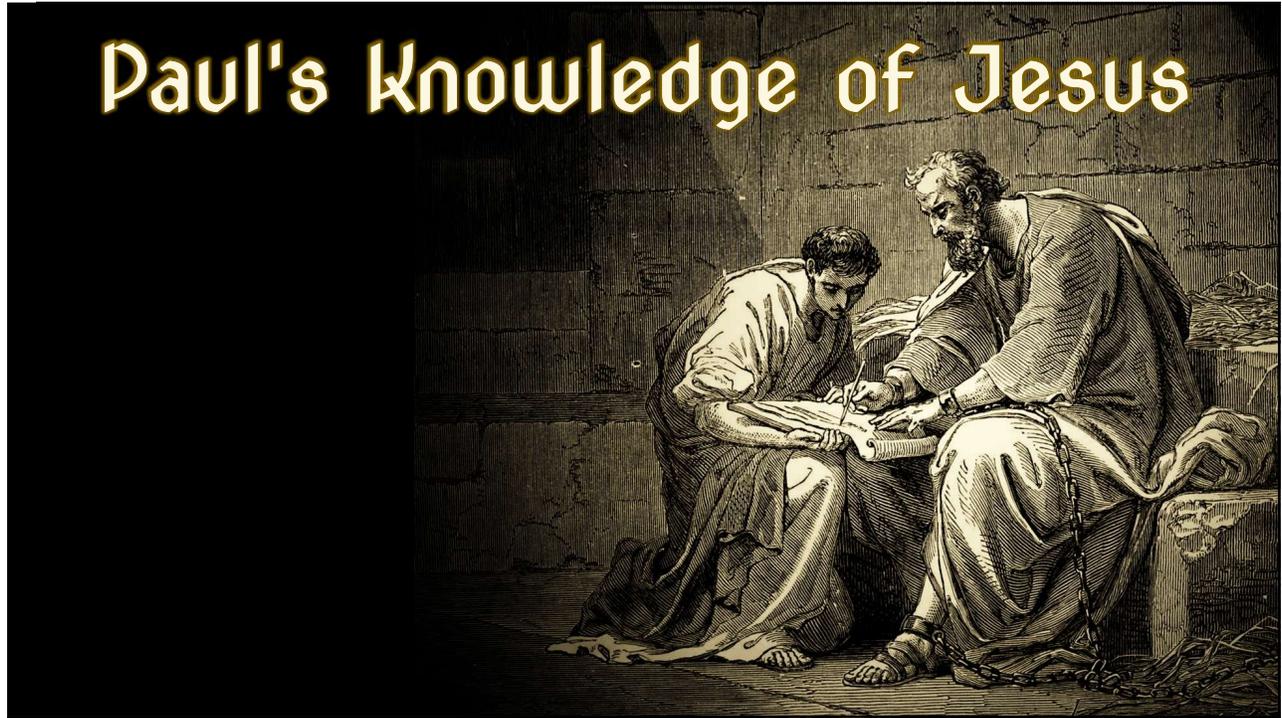
- ✓ Barnabas presented Saul (Paul) to the apostles in Jerusalem, "declaring to them how he [Saul] had seen the Lord on the road." (Acts. 9:27)
- ✓ Barnabas, having been sent to Antioch by the Church at Jerusalem, sought Saul (Paul) in Tarsis and brought him to Antioch. (Acts 11:22-26)
- ✓ Paul and Barnabas are called apostles. (Acts 14:14)
- ✓ Paul, together with Barnabas and "certain others," were received by the church [in Jerusalem] and the apostles and elders, which included James and Peter. (Acts 15 :1-4)
- ✓ The apostles and elders were pleased to send men to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas regarding the troubling false teaching of the Judaizers. (Acts. 15:22)



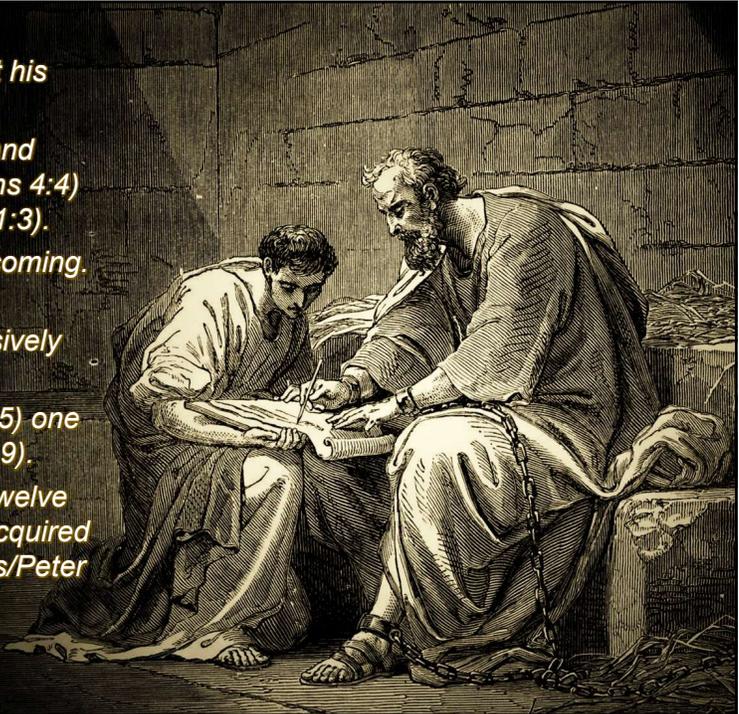
- ✓ The apostles and elders in the Jerusalem church regarded Barnabas and Paul as "beloved." (Acts 15:25)
- ✓ Peter endorsed Silvanus (1 Pet. 5:12) and Silvanus accompanied Paul (2 Cor. 1:19; 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1)
- ✓ Peter's gospel in Acts is the same as Paul's. (Acts 4:8; 10:43; cf. Rom. 4:4-5)
- ✓ Paul's gospel of salvation by faith (Rom. 4:4-5) is exactly how Abraham was saved. (Gen. 15:6)
- ✓ Note that Peter warns of the false teachers (2 Pet. 2:1-3). But not only did Peter not identify Paul as one of these false teachers, but he regarding his writings as Scripture. (2 Peter 3:16)



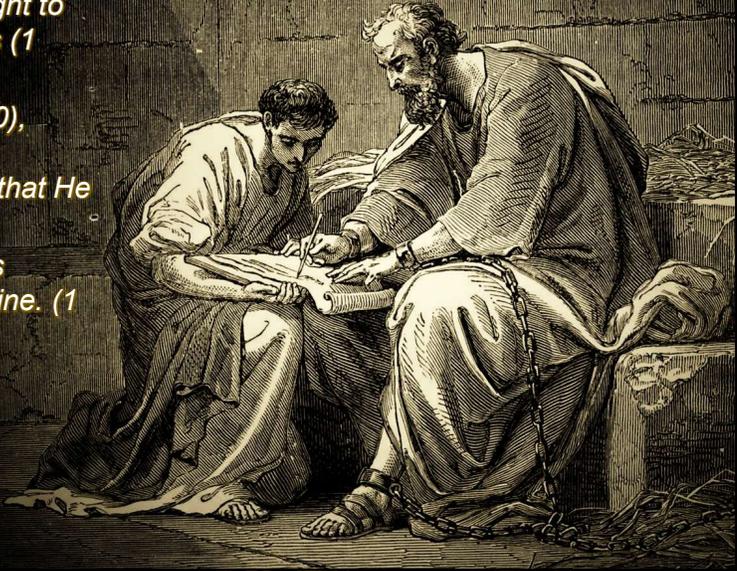
# Paul's Knowledge of Jesus



- ✓ *Jesus' name is mentioned throughout his letters (1 Thess. 1:1 et al.).*
- ✓ *Jesus was born of a Jewish woman and was therefore a Jew himself (Galatians 4:4) from the lineage of king David (Rom 1:3).*
- ✓ *John the Baptist preached of Jesus' coming. (Acts 13:24-25)*
- ✓ *Jesus' earthly mission focused exclusively on the Jewish people (Rom. 15:8).*
- ✓ *Jesus had several brothers (1 Cor. 9:5) one of whom was named James (Gal. 1:19).*
- ✓ *Jesus appointed a special group of Twelve apostles (1 Cor. 15:5) two of whom acquired special status as 'pillars', viz., Cephas/Peter and John. (Galatians 2:9)*



- ✓ Jesus was called 'the Christ' and 'Messiah'. (Rom. 9:3-5)
- ✓ Jesus granted his missionaries the right to material support from fellow believers (1 Cor. 9:14);
- ✓ Jesus taught on marriage (1 Cor. 7:10), summarized his "law" in terms of compassion (Gal. 6:2), and declared that He would return in glory. (1 Thess. 4:15)
- ✓ Jesus had a special last meal with his disciples which involved bread and wine. (1 Cor. 11:23-25)



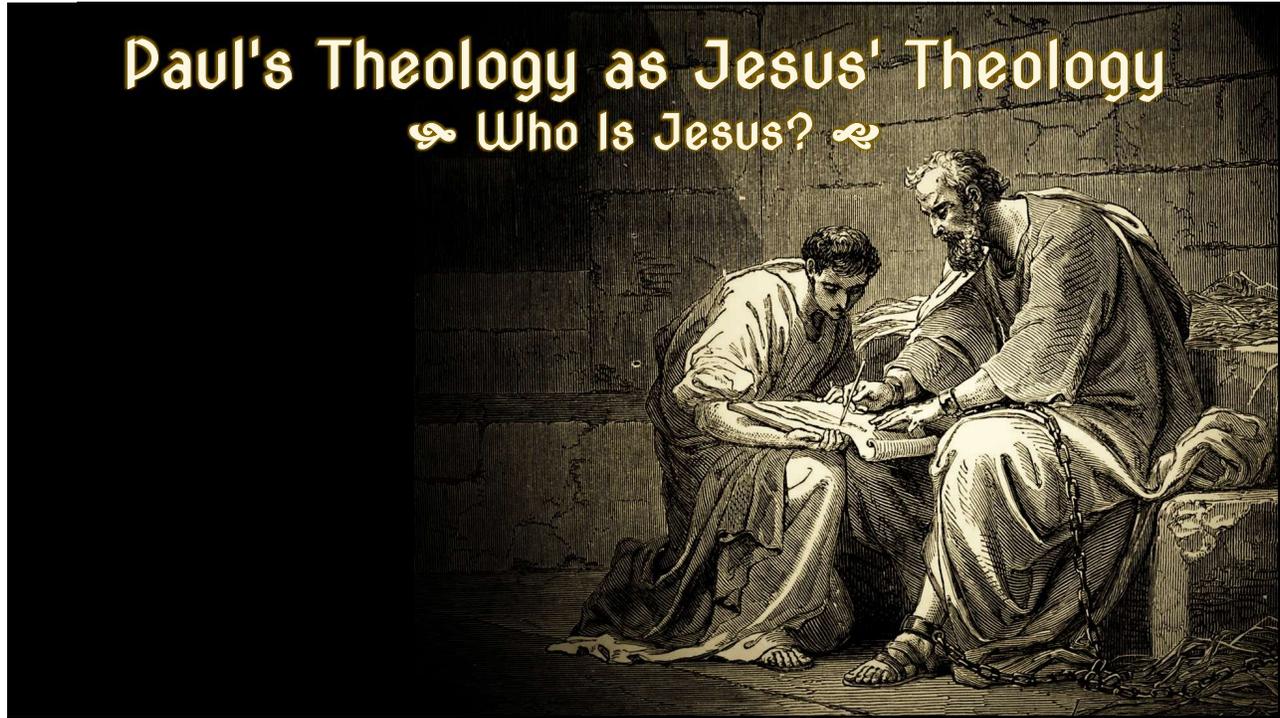
- ✓ Jesus was betrayed by one of his companions on the night of the Last Supper. (1 Cor. 11:23)
- ✓ Jesus was executed by crucifixion (Phil. 2:8)
- ✓ Jesus was buried in a tomb rather than left to the elements as convicted criminals frequently were. (1 Cor. 15:4)
- ✓ Jesus was raised to life. (Rom, 1:4)
- ✓ The risen Jesus appeared to many, including Peter/Cephas, His brother James, and Paul himself (1 Cor. 15:5-6)



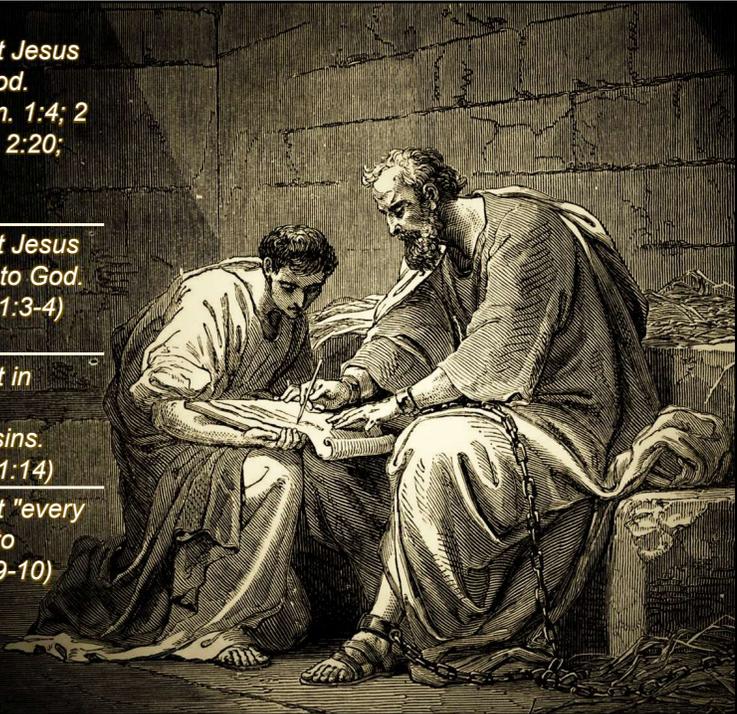
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# Paul's Theology as Jesus' Theology

## Who Is Jesus?

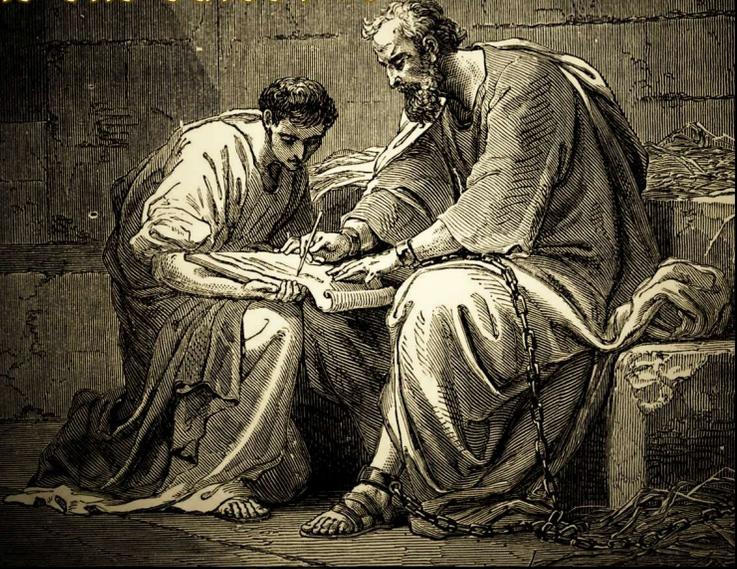


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| <p>✓ Jesus taught that He was the Son of God. (Matt. 16:16; Matt. 26:63-64; Luke 22:70; John 5:19-29; 9:35-37; 10:35-36; 11:4)</p> | <p>✓ Paul taught that Jesus is the Son of God. (Acts 9:20; Rom. 1:4; 2 Cor. 1:19; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 4:13)</p> |
| <p>✓ Jesus taught that He was the sacrifice for the sins of the world. (Matt. 18:11;</p>   | <p>✓ Paul taught that Jesus was a sacrifice to God. (Eph. 5:2; Gal. 1:3-4)</p>                              |
| <p>✓ Jesus taught that He has the power [ἐξουσία, exousia] to forgive sins. (Matt. 9:6)</p>  | <p>✓ Paul taught that in Jesus we have forgiveness of sins. (Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14)</p>                       |
| <p>✓ Jesus taught that He has all authority [ἐξουσία, exousia] in heaven and earth has been given to Him. (Matt. 28:18)</p>        | <p>✓ Paul taught that "every knee will bow" to Jesus. (Phil. 2:9-10)</p>                                    |



# Paul's Theology as Jesus' Theology

## ☞ How Is One Saved? ☞



✓ In Gen. 2, God put Adam into a deep sleep meaning that Adam's good was supplied entirely by God's grace, showing that Adam had no part to play.

✓ This is the same as Paul's message of salvation by grace through faith apart from works. (Eph. 2:8-9, cf. Rom. 4:4-5)

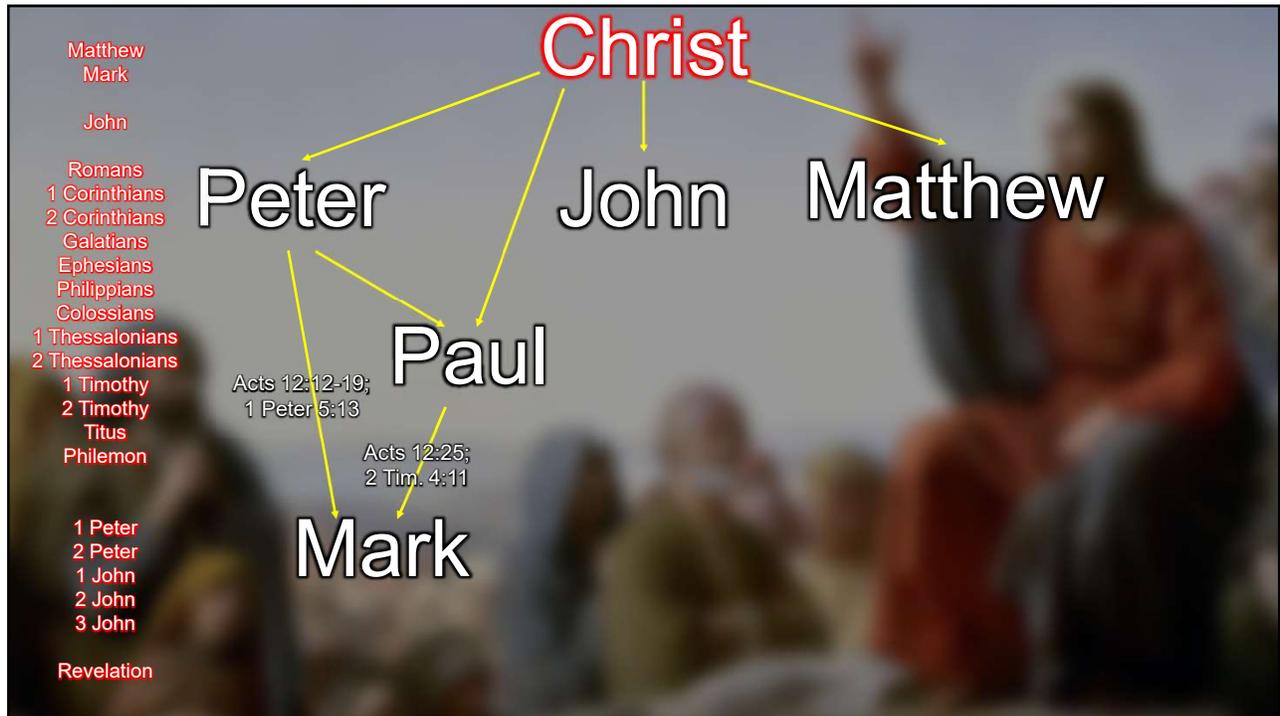
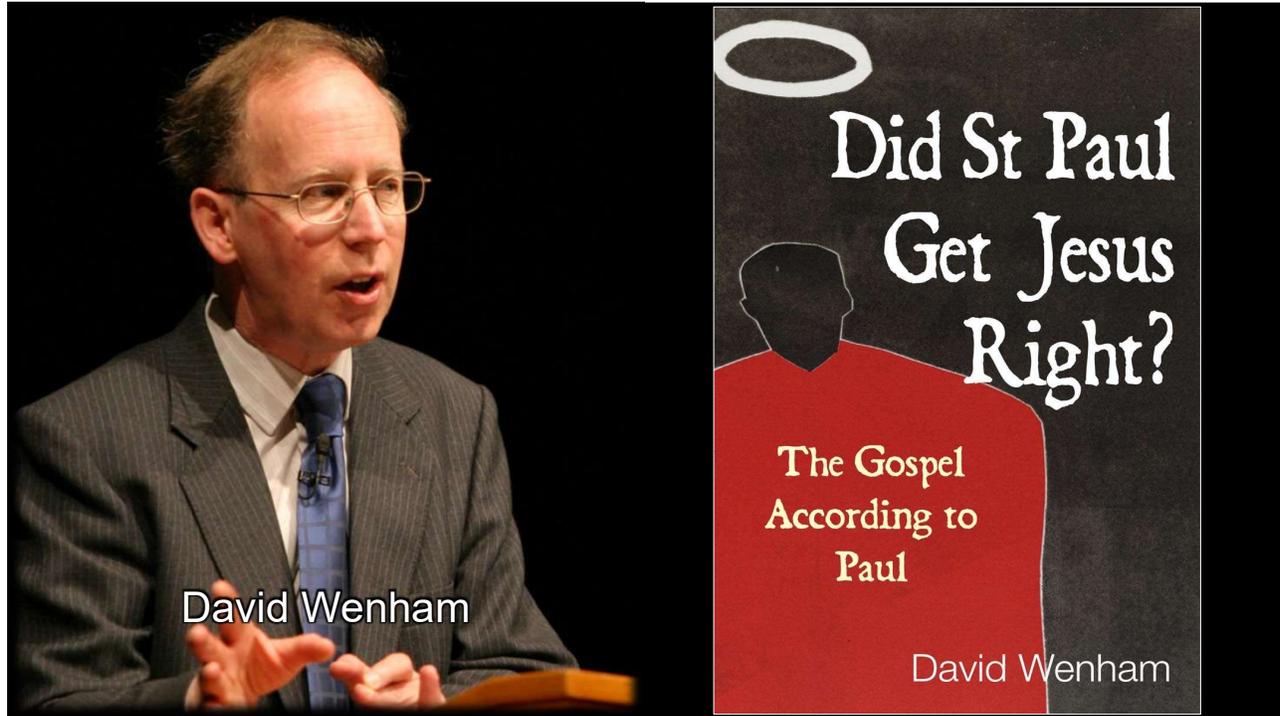
✓ In Gen. 15, God put Abram into a deep sleep to establish His unilateral covenant with him meaning that the covenant was established entirely by God's grace through faith apart from works.

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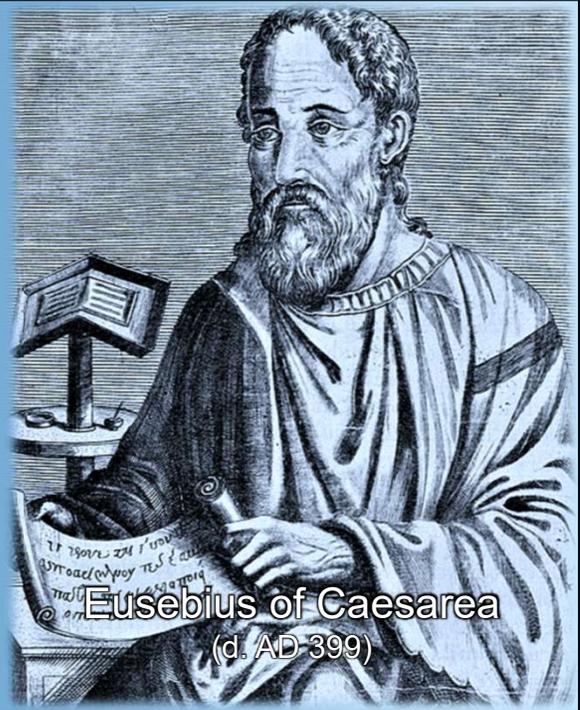
✓ Jesus preached the message of free grace by faith (John 3:16; 6:28-29; Rev. 21:6; 22:17)

✓ Paul taught that salvation was by grace through faith apart from works. (Rom. 3:27; 4:4-5; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5)



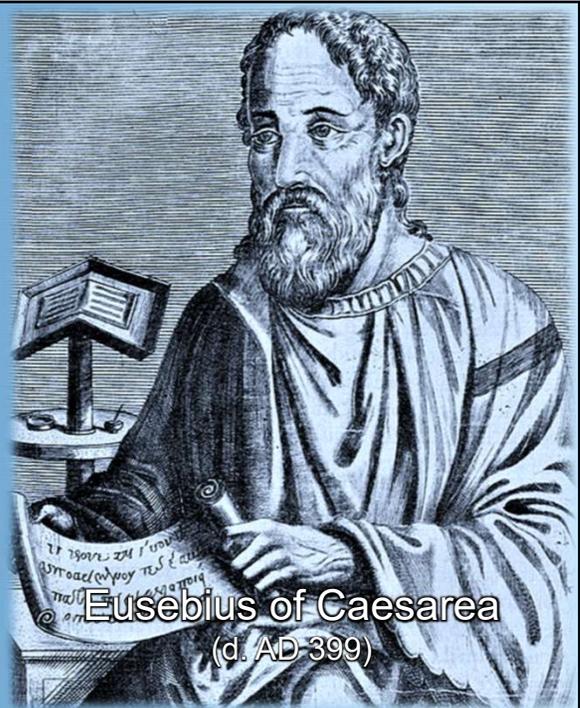


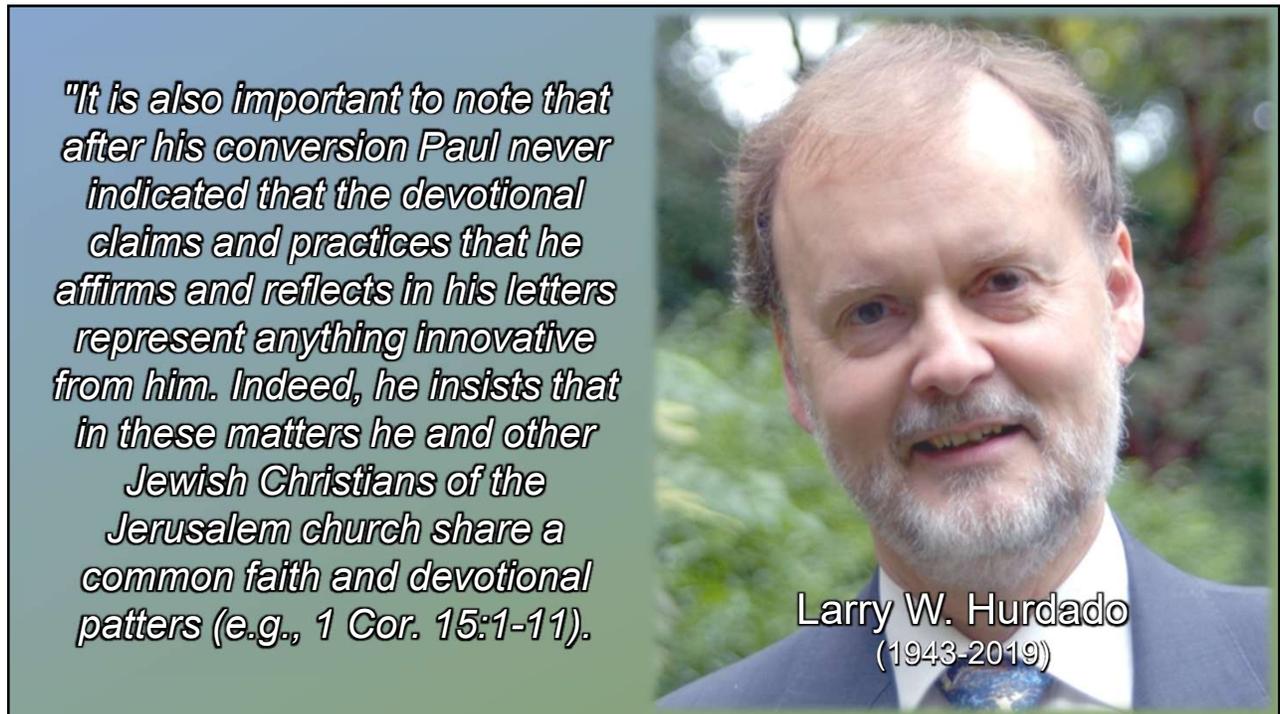
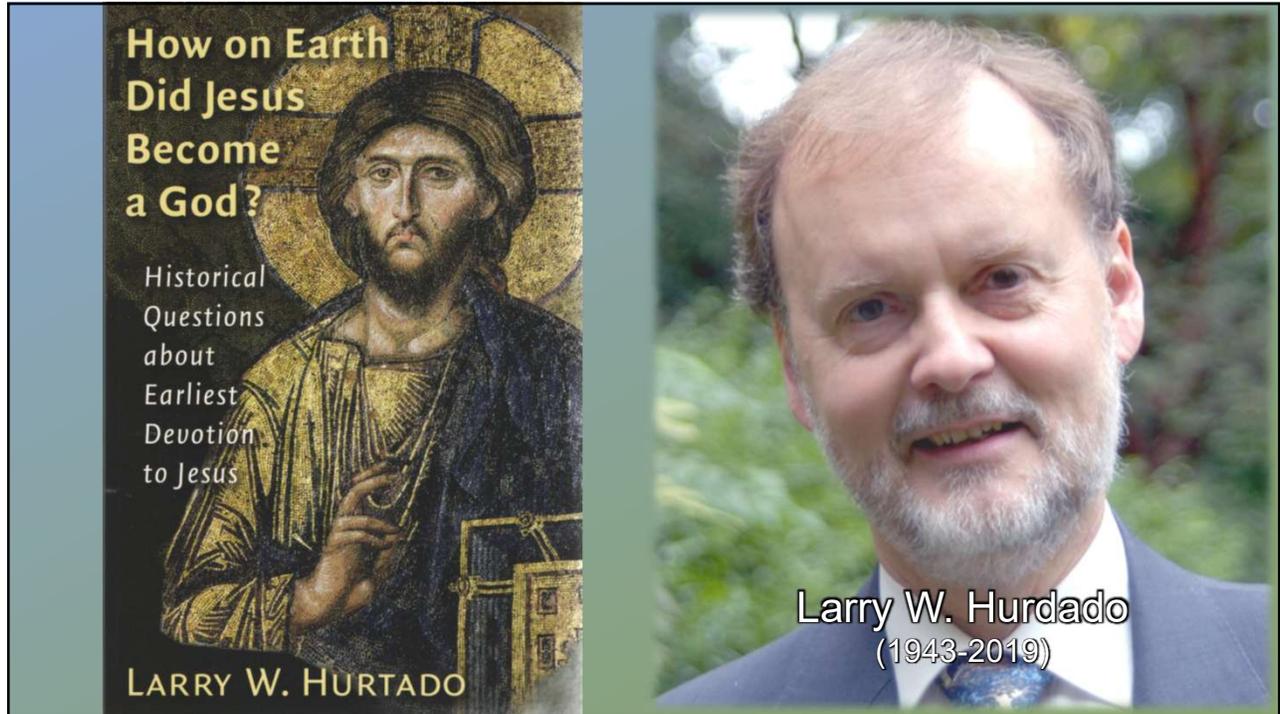
*"And John the Presbyter also said this, Mark being the interpreter of Peter whatsoever he recorded he wrote with great accuracy but not however, in the order in which it was spoken or done by our Lord, for he neither heard nor followed our Lord, but as before said, he was in company with Peter, who gave him such instruction as was necessary,*



*"but not to give a history of our Lord's discourses; wherefore Mark has not erred in any thing, by writing some things as he has recorded them; for he was carefully attentive to one thing, not to pass by any thing that he heard, or to state any thing falsely in these accounts.*

Eusebius, *Ecclesiastical History* Bk. III Ch. XXXIX.





*"So there is really no basis for thinking either that Paul was particularly responsible for inventing the view that Jesus is to be revered as divine, or that this view of Jesus distinguished the churches that he established.*

[Larry W. Hurtado, *How on Earth Did Jesus Become a God? Historical Questions about Earliest Devotion to Jesus* (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 2005), 36.



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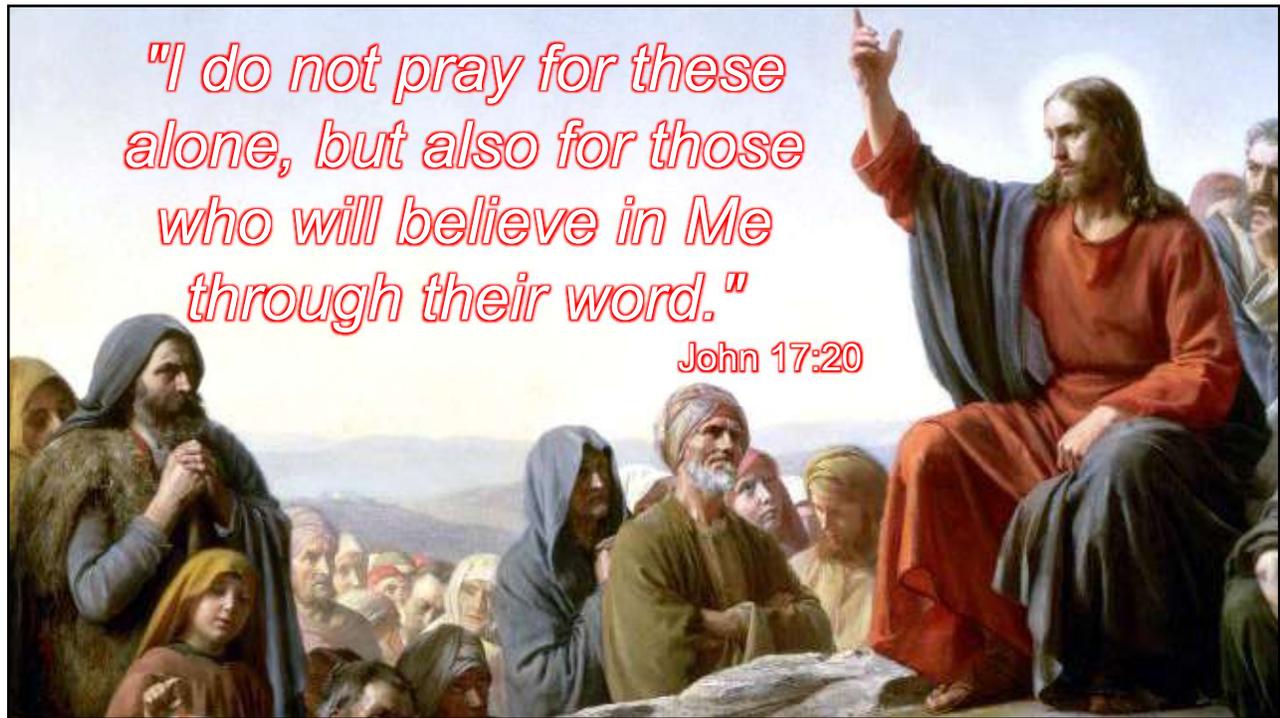
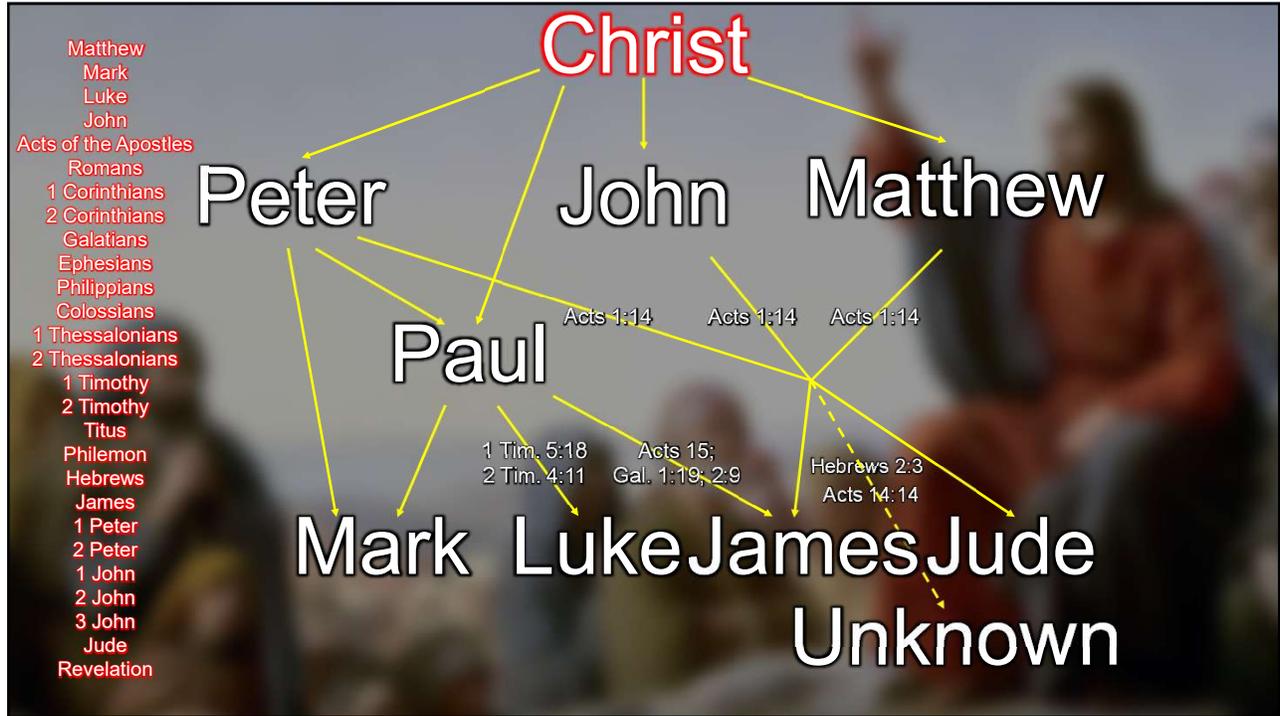


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***"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."***

**John 13:20**

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**The Bible Claims  
Its Inspiration.**

☞ 2 Timothy 3:16-17 ☞

***The Bible is  
God-breathed.***

*All Scripture is **given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Θεόπνευστος  
(theopneustos)

= God breathed

θεός + πνέω, πνεῦμα  
(theos) (pneō, pneuma)

God

I breathe, breath,  
spirit, Spirit

∞ 2 Peter 1:20-21 ∞

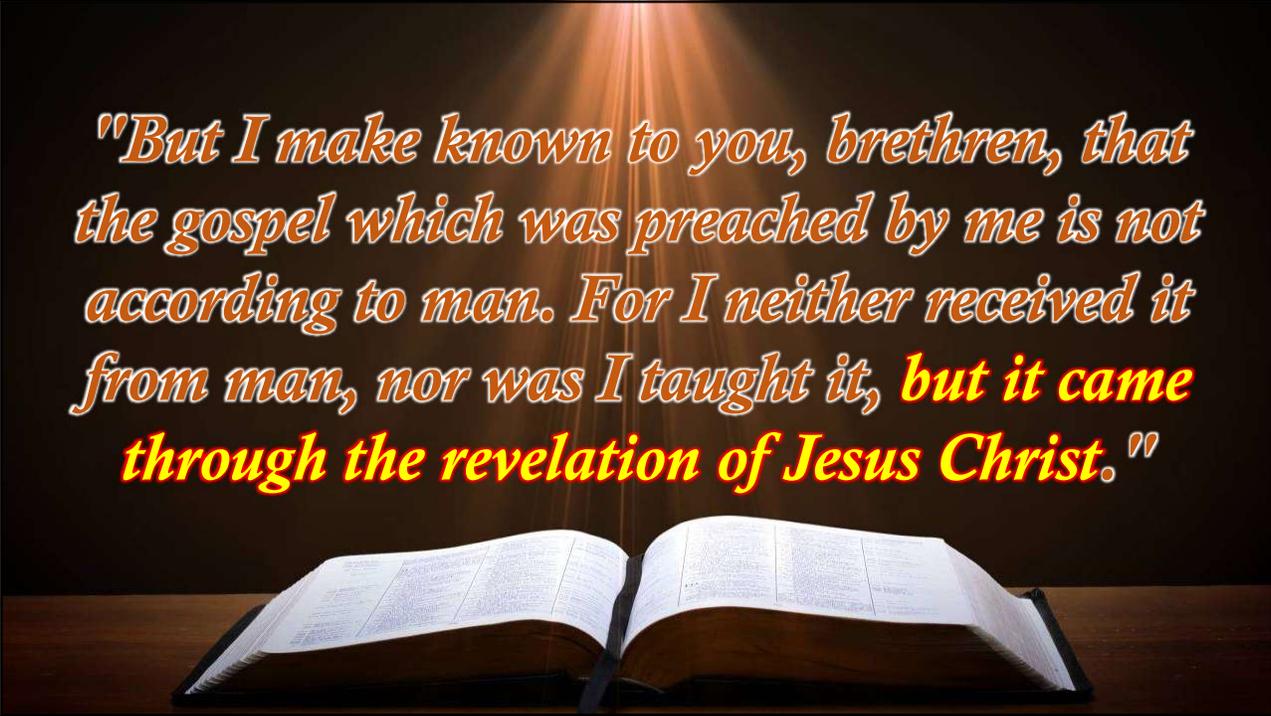
**Scripture comes by the  
moving of the Holy Spirit.**

*"... knowing this first, that no prophecy of  
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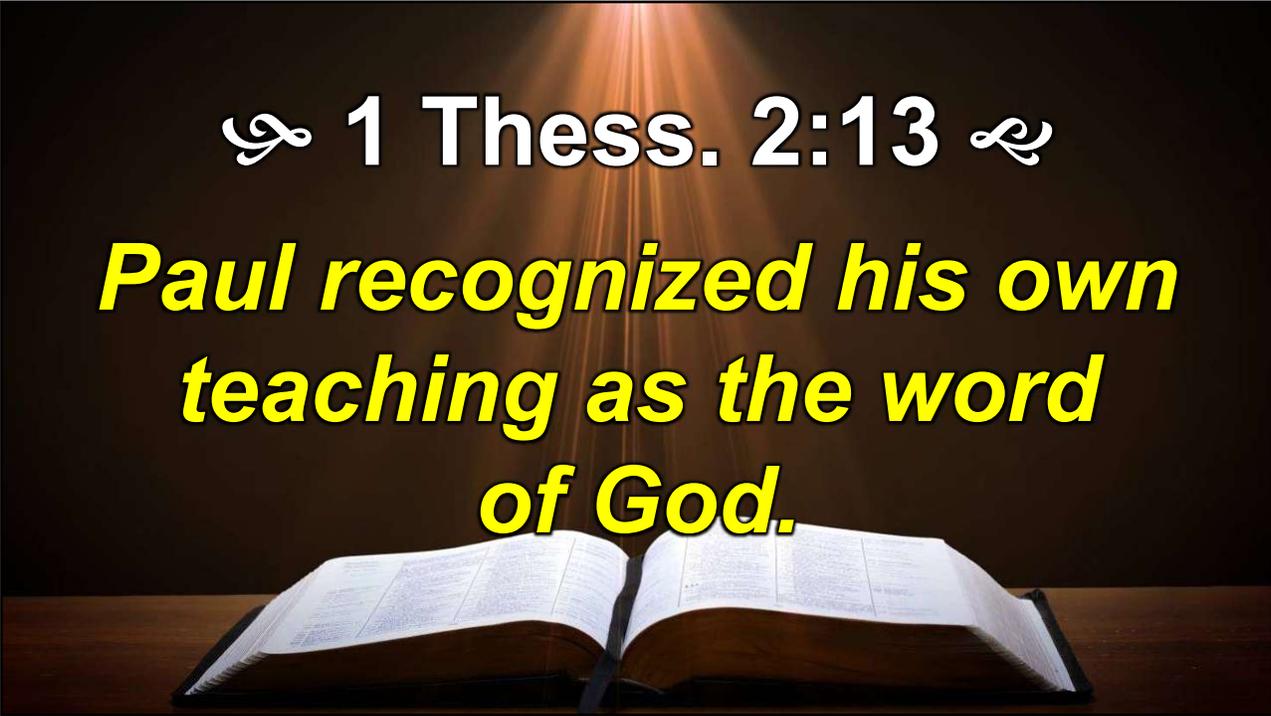
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☞ Gal 1:11-12 ☞

**Paul claimed direct revelation from Jesus.**



*"But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, **but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.**"*



∞ 1 Thess. 2:13 ∞

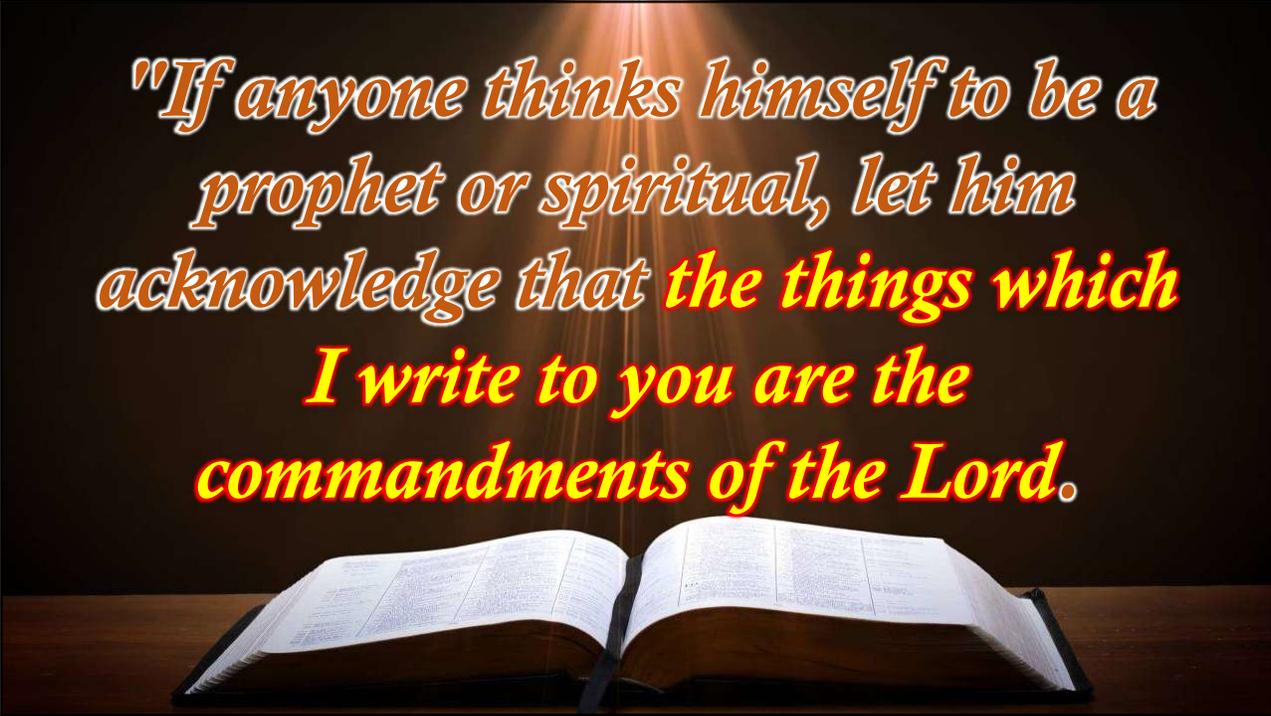
**Paul recognized his own teaching as the word of God.**

*"For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, **but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.**"*

∞ 1 Cor. 14:37 ∞

**Paul recognized his own writing as the commandments of the Lord.**

*"If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that **the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.**"*

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∞ Titus 1:1-3 ∞

***Paul recognized his own preaching as coming from God.***

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*"Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, but has in due time **manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior.**"*

∞ **Acts 13:46** ∞

**Paul and Barnabas recognized their own preaching as the word of God.**

*"Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, 'It was necessary that **the word of God should be spoken to you first**; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.'"*

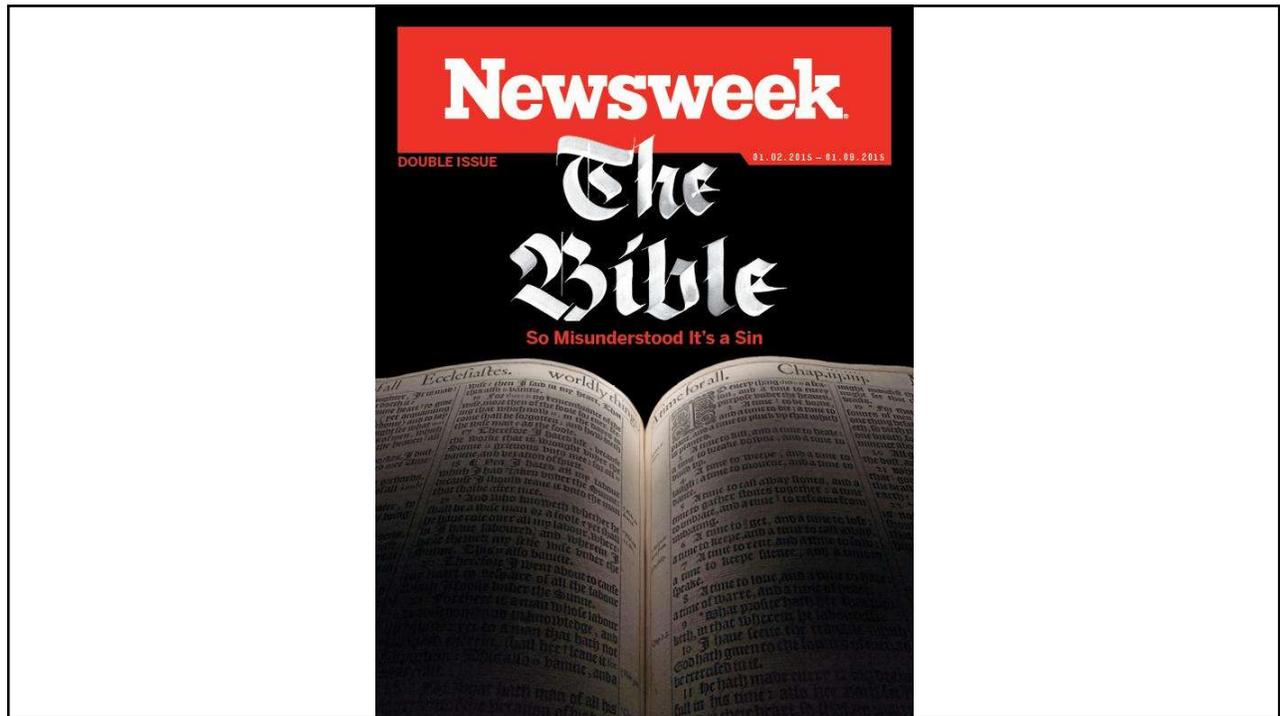
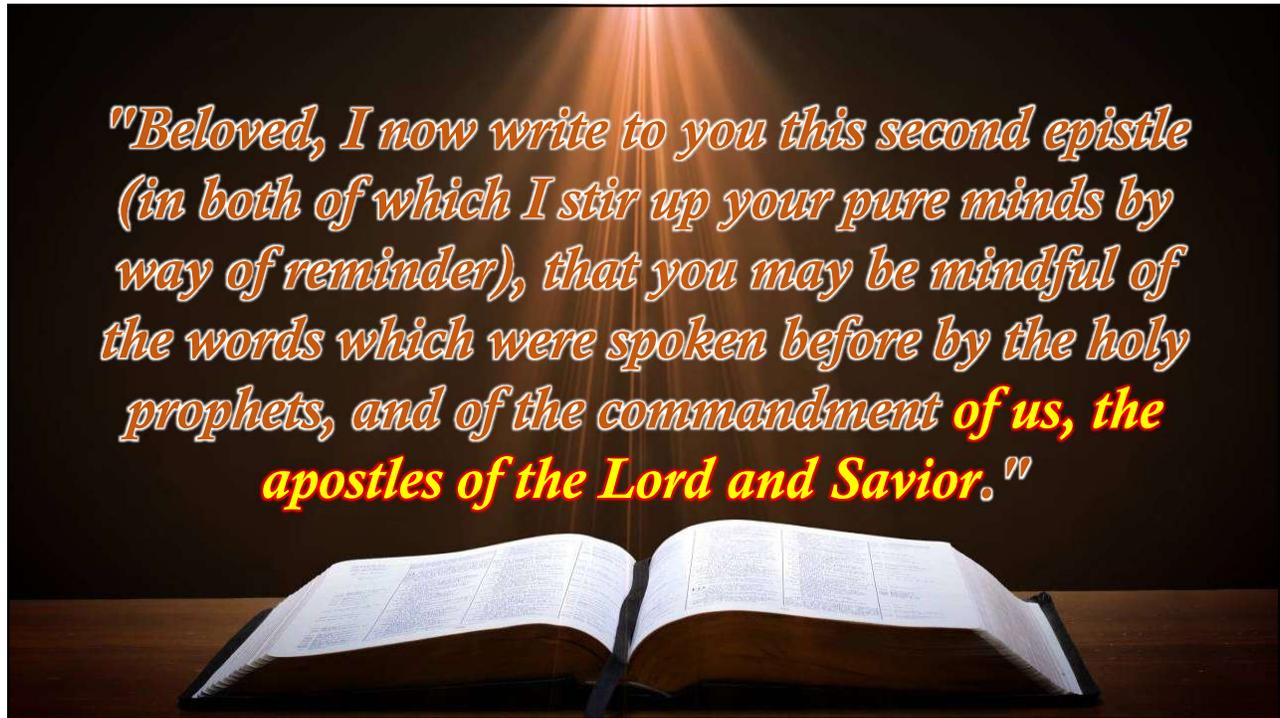
∞ 2 Peter 3:15-16 ∞

**Peter recognized Paul's writings as Scripture.**

*"and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures."*

∞ 2 Peter 3:1-2 ∞

***Peter recognized himself  
as an apostle.***



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**Jan 29** Critical Thinking: So Often Ignored, It's a Sin: A Few Thoughts on Kurt Eichenwald's "The Bible-So Misunderstood, It's a Sin." by quodlibetalblog

There are already a number of substantive refutations of the *Neusueek* article "The Bible-So Misunderstood, It's a Sin" by Kurt Eichenwald (01.02.2015 – 01.09.2015), pp. 24-41. Indeed, Eichenwald's points were already deftly refuted even before he put pen to paper. But if one's sources are limited (either deliberately or through no fault of one's own), then perhaps it is not surprising that Eichenwald would make some of the mistaken observations he made. However, I thought I would weigh in on just a few points I have yet to see in other analyses. I have my brother, Tom Howe, to thank for some of these insights.

First, Eichenwald uses the hackneyed example of how certain ambiguities arise in English if one ignores the spaces between words. While it makes for a good joke, it does nothing to contribute to any substantive point about the Bible. His version is the difference in meaning between "We should go eat, mom" and "We should go eat mom." (Skeptics had already run the pseudo-point into the ground with their "God is now here" and "God is nowhere" quip which Eichenwald also mentions.) My favorite use of the ambiguity is the T-shirt that reads "Grammar saves lives" followed by "Let's eat, Grandma!" and "Let's eat

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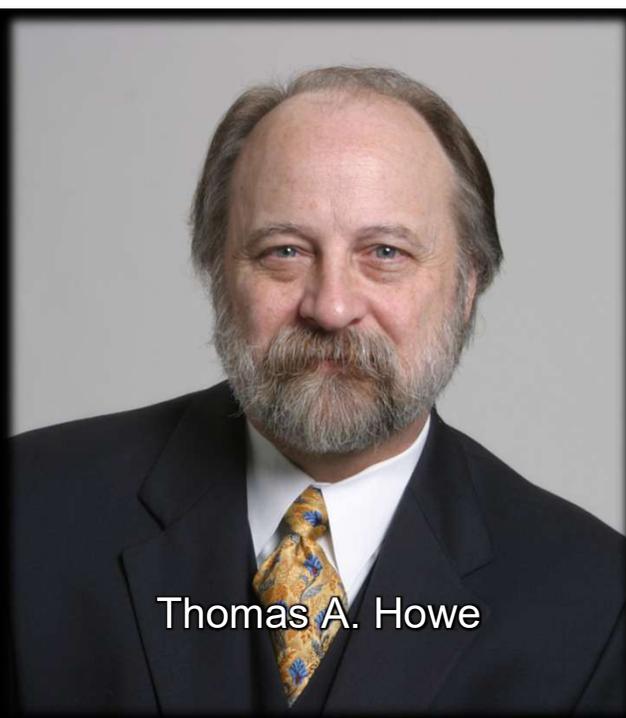
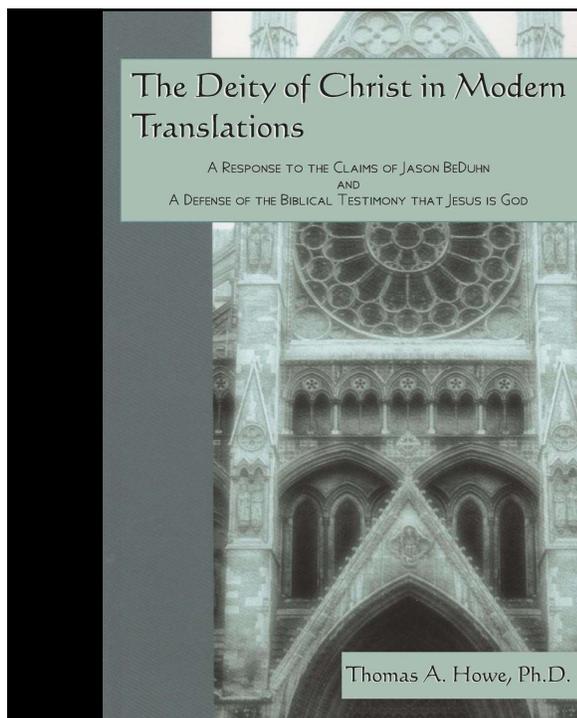
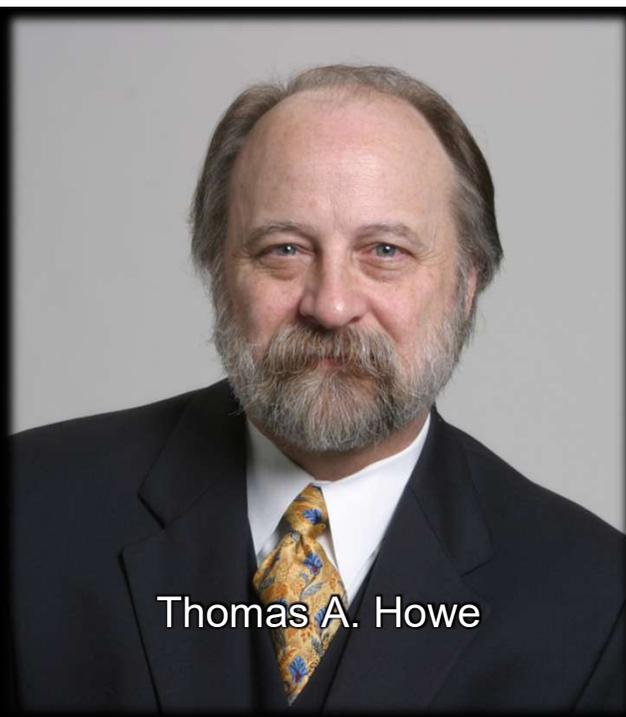
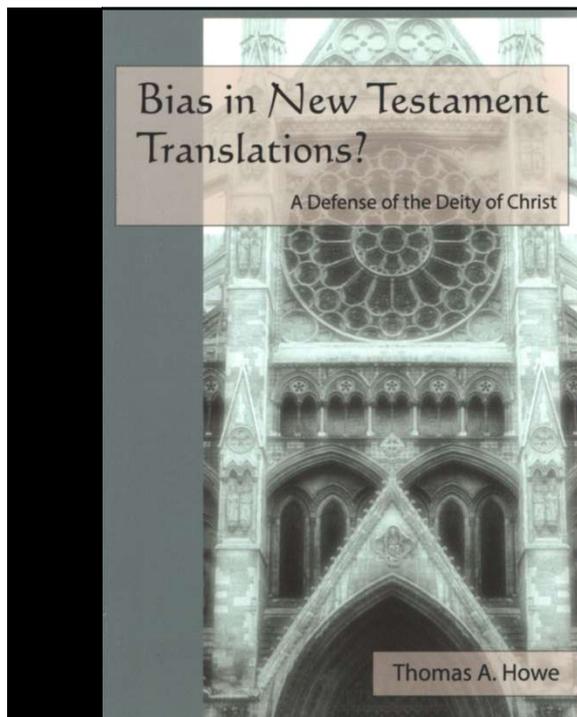
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# The Bible Implies Its Inspiration.

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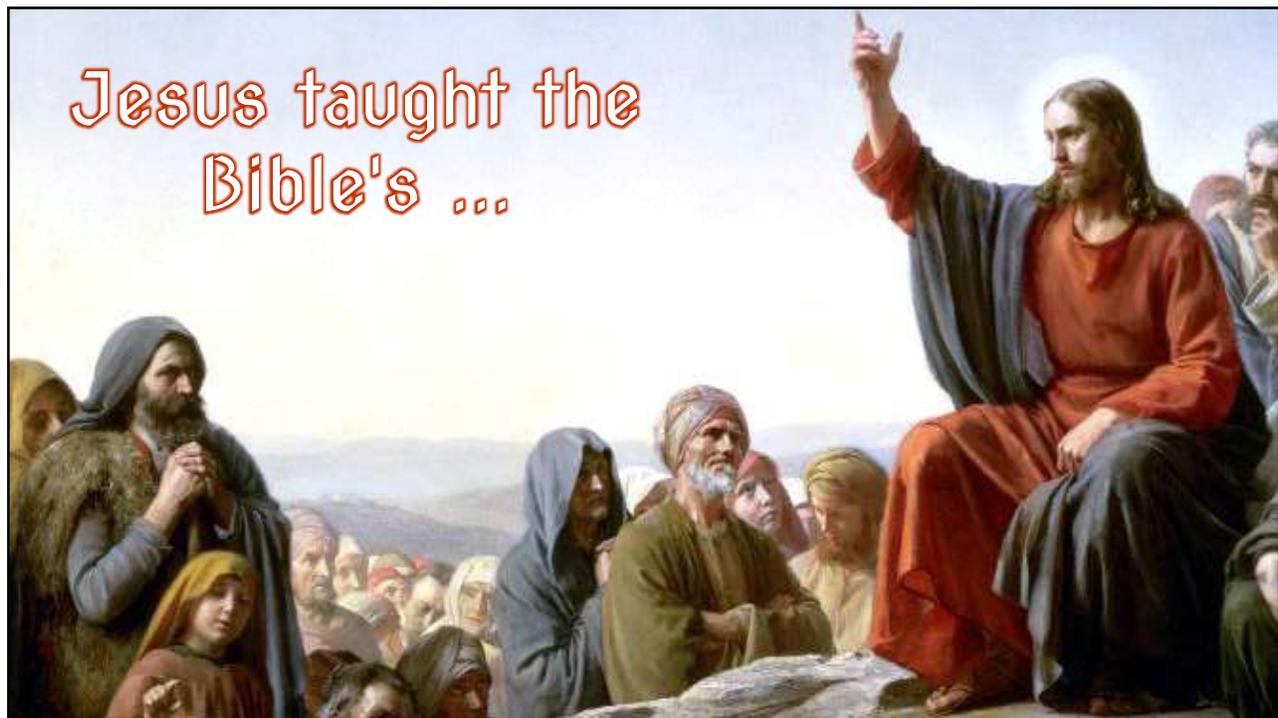
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SCRIPTURE SAYS	GOD SAYS
<p>☞ Genesis 2:24 ☞</p> <p><i>"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."</i></p>	<p>☞ Matthew 19:4, 5 ☞</p> <p><i>"He who made them at the beginning ... said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.'"</i></p>

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<p>☞ Psalm 16:10 ☞</p> <p><i>"For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption."</i></p>	<p>☞ Acts 13:33, 35 ☞</p> <p><i>"God ... also says in another Psalm: 'You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.'"</i></p>

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# Jesus Taught the Bible's Inspiration.

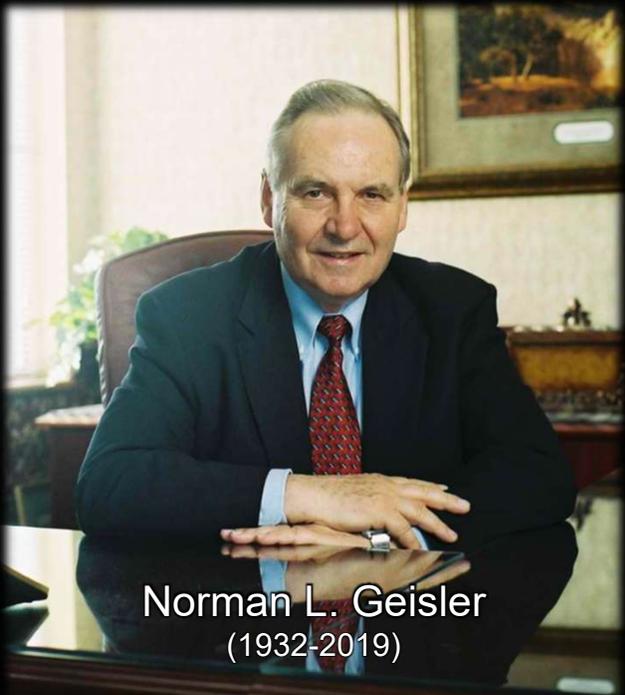




Jesus Said	Critics Say
God created Adam. Matthew 19:4	Adam evolved.
Daniel the Prophet Matthew 24:15	Daniel the historian
Jonah is literal. Matthew 24:39	Jonah is mythical.
The world was flooded. Matthew 24:39	The world was not flooded.
David wrote many Psalms. Matthew 22:43	David did not write these Psalms.
One Isaiah Luke 4:17	More than one Isaiah (Isaiah 1-39; Isaiah 40-66)
Moses wrote the Law. Luke 24:27	J, E, P, D Theory (Documentary Hypothesis)

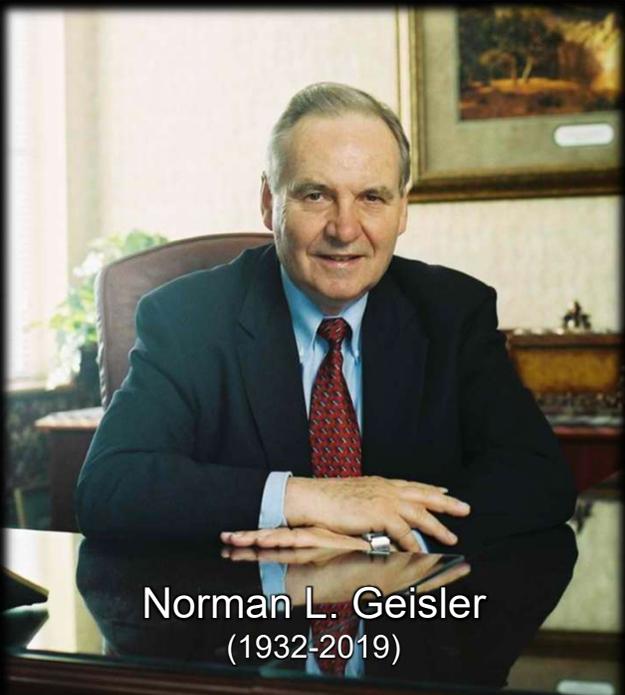
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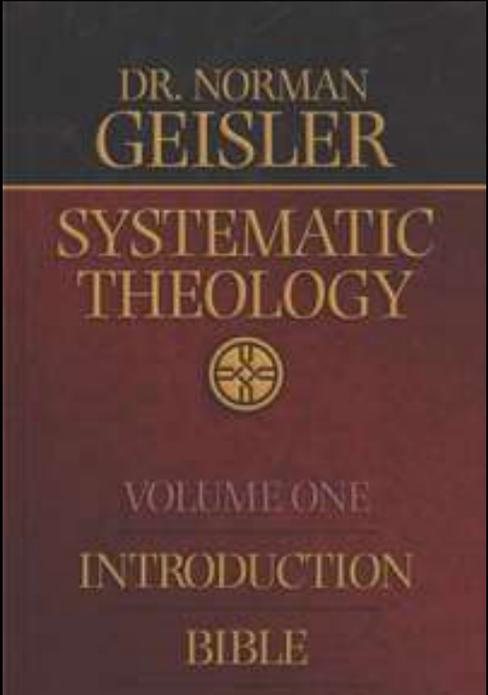


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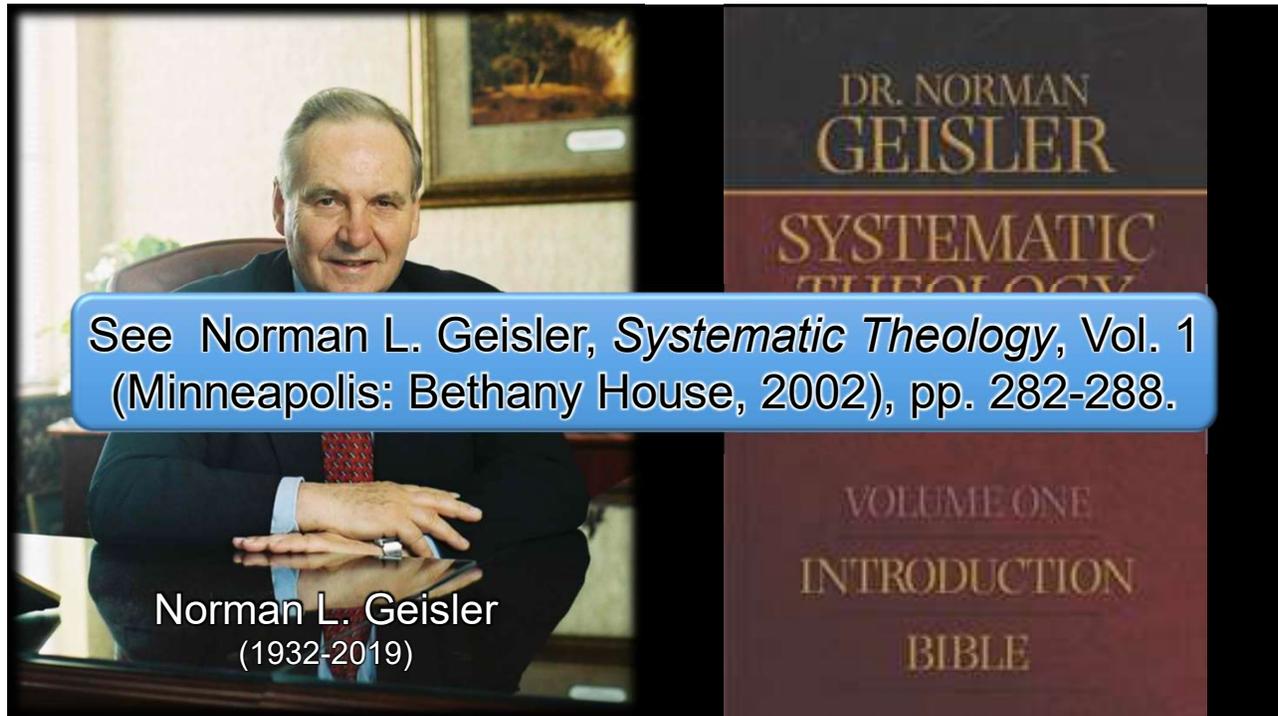
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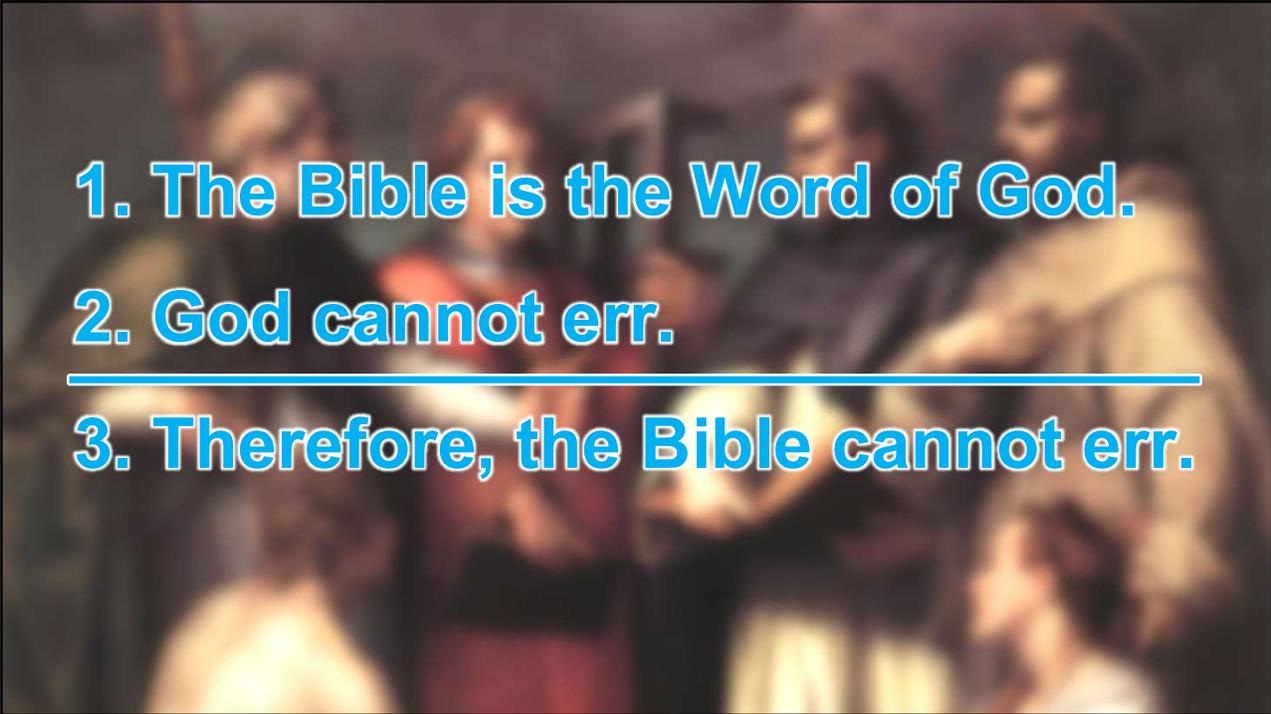


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***2. Because of the nature of God, inspiration entails inerrancy.***

***3. Therefore, the Bible is inerrant.***



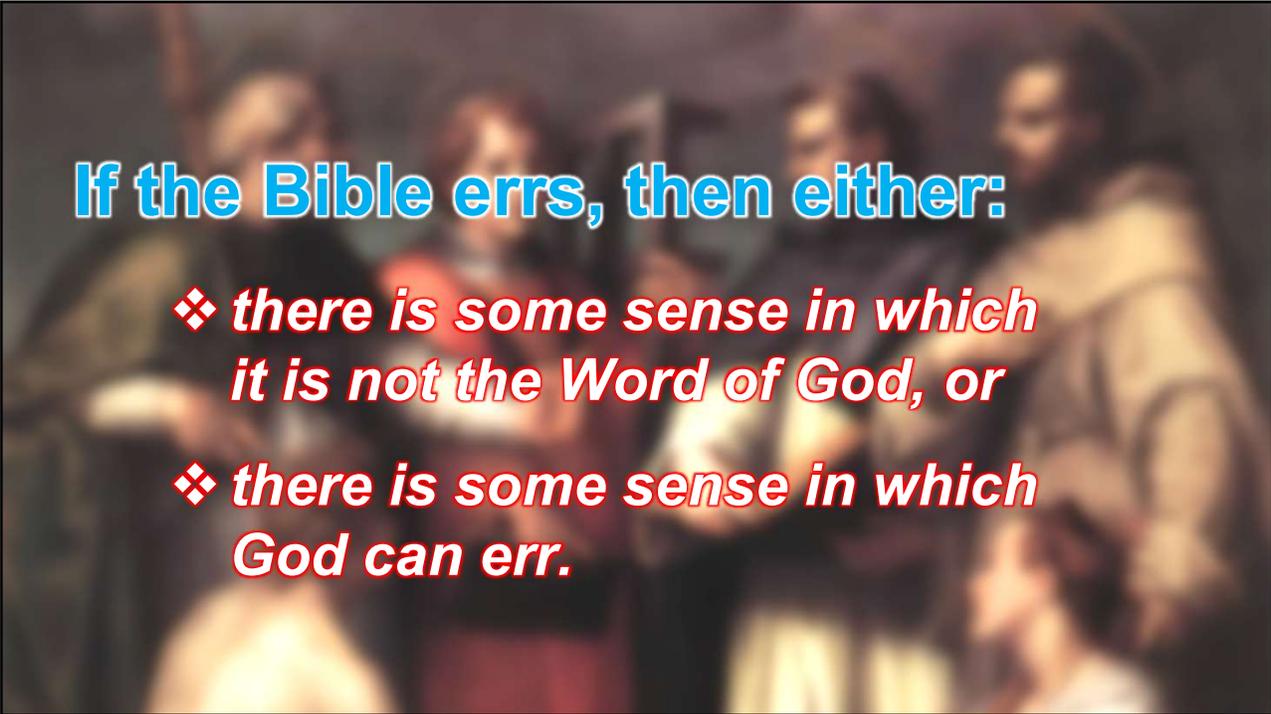


**1. The Bible is the Word of God.**

**2. God cannot err.**

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**3. Therefore, the Bible cannot err.**



**If the Bible errs, then either:**

- ❖ *there is some sense in which it is not the Word of God, or*
- ❖ *there is some sense in which God can err.*



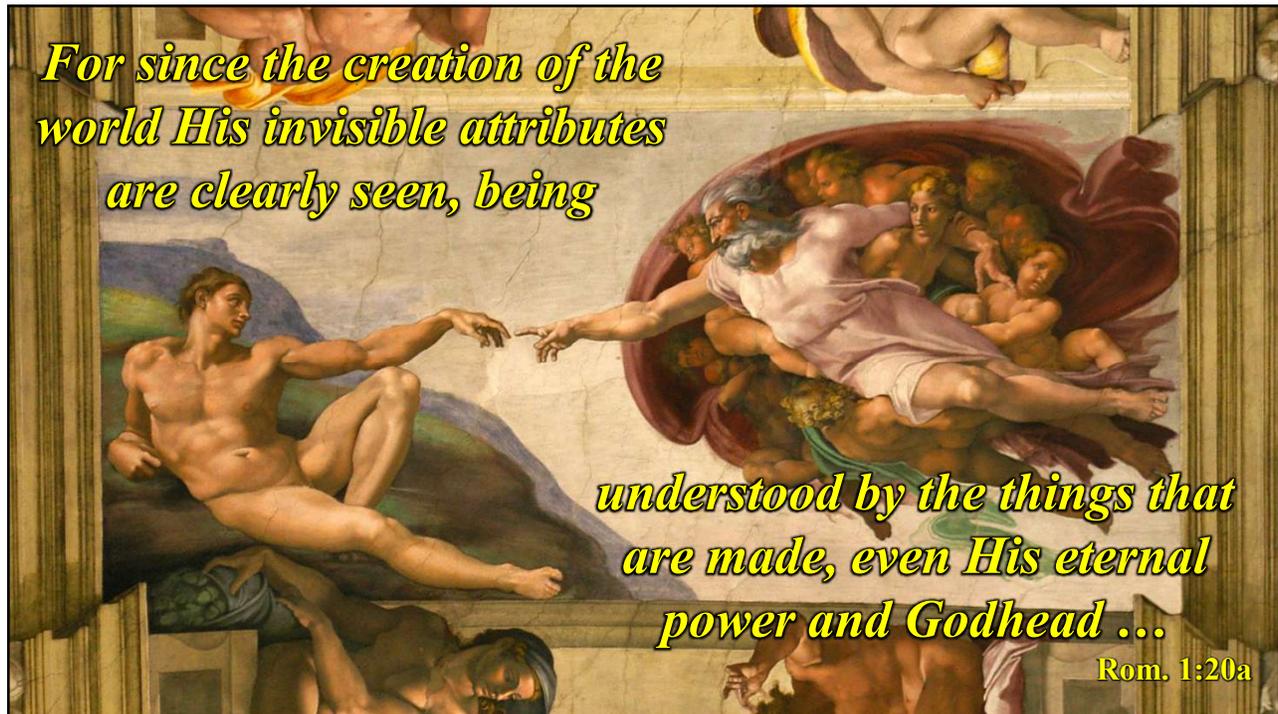
***Natural Theology is the name given to those truths knowable by reason through General Revelation.***

## General Revelation

*God making known to mankind through His creation His existence, attributes, and goodness*

## Special Revelation

*God making known to mankind through His prophets, apostles, and His Son His nature and will that could not necessarily be known through General Revelation*



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