

## The Bible

### Claims Divine Inspiration

II Timothy 3:16-17 “Scripture given by inspiration of God”.

II Peter 1:20-21 “but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

Zech 7:12 “law and the words which the Lord of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets.”

Extra-Biblical evidence: “MAPS”

- Manuscript Evidence
- Archeological Evidence
- Prophetic Evidence
- Statistical Evidence

## God

Existence of God Assumed: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1 Also: God created everything else.

One God:

Deut 6:4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!”

Isa 43:10b-11 “Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me.”

Isa 44:6-8 “I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.”

Triune in being:

Isa 44:6-8 “Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: ‘I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.’” (Link back to Isa 43:10b-11 “And besides Me there is no savior.”)

Gen 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” LINK TO John 1:1-3, 14: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Acts 5:3-4: But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”

## Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ Is Fully God – John 1, Heb 1, John 5

Jesus Christ Is Fully Man

John 1:14 “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us”

Rom 1:3 “born of the seed of David according to the flesh”

Gal 4:4 “God sent forth His Son, born of a woman”

## **The Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is God

John 14:16-17 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

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2 Cor 3:17a Now the Lord is the Spirit

## **Man, Sin and Salvation**

Jesus was crucified so that our sins could be forgiven

Matt 26:27-28 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Salvation involves believing, and then confessing

Romans 10:9-10 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Salvation is a free gift, and not dependent on our good works

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Jesus Christ is the central object of belief regarding salvation

Acts 16:31 So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

## **The Second Coming of Christ**

2 Peter 3:3-4 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”

John 14:2-3 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.