Is the Bible as God’s Word Trustworthy: Teachings of the Scriptures?

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**Foundational Scripture:** 1 Thess. 2:13

**Intro**:

* The bible is the most widely circulated book of all time and it isn’t even close! As of today, the number of bibles that have been distributed worldwide reach into the billions and some have said maybe even into the tens of billions. The bible is also the most translated book of all time and again it’s not even close. Most best-sellers and major books are never translated and those that are, are usually translated into one or two major foreign languages. Since it’s conception, the bible has been translated into more that 2,800 languages. It is true that there are close to 7,000 languages in the world, but the 2,800 figure represents the languages 80% of the world utilize. Why the need for this much circulation? Why go through the process of translating one book so many times? Why is there such a constant demand for this book?

**The Internal Evidence**

1. **Consistency in the Teachings of the Bible**
	1. One of the things that makes the bible so different than any other book is its collection of doctrines or teachings and how consistent they are from the OT to the NT. The following is a list of the most prominent teachings of the bible, established and held up by God as the ultimate standard by which we must live and abide:
		1. Concerning God:
			1. **The triune Nature of the Godhead** (They are one, yet each person is fully divine). (For Oneness See: Deut. 4:35; 6:4; 1 Kings 8:60; Mk. 12:29; 1 Cor. 8:6; 1 Tim. 2:15). (For Three personalities See: Matt. 3:16-17; 17:5; Jn. 14:16-17, 26; 16:13-14; 17:1; Acts 10:38; 1 Jn. 3:23-24).
			2. **The attributes of God** (Eternal, Love, Patience, Mercy, Holiness, Omnipresence, Omniscience, Omnipotent etc.) (See: Lev. 11:44-45; Neh. 9:17; Psa. 90:2; 1 Pet. 1:14-16; 2 Pet. 3:9, 15; 1 Jn. 4:7-21; Rev. 1:8; 22:13).
		2. Concerning Man:
			1. **Created in God’s Image to seek Him** (Gen. 1:26-27; Acts. 17:26-28).
			2. **Free-moral agents capable of discerning right from wrong** (Gen. 3; Josh. 24:15; 1 Sam. 8).
		3. Concerning Sin:
			1. **The nature of sin is seeking to dethrone God** (Gen. 3:1-5; 1 Sam. 8).
			2. **The consequence of sin is death and separation from God** (Gen. 2:17; Ezek. 18:4; Rom. 6:23).
		4. Concerning the Devil:
			1. **The enemy of God and His followers** (1 Pet. 5:8; Rev. 2:10).
			2. **The ruler of the world; the tempter** (Matt. 4:1-11; 2 Cor. 4:4Eph. 4:27; 6:11-12; Jam. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:9; 1 Jn. 5:19).
			3. **Doomed to everlasting punishment** (Matt. 25:41; Jn. 12:31, 40; 16:11; Rev. 20:10).
		5. Concerning Jesus, the Christ:
			1. **The Messiah who brought Salvation** (Matt. 1:21; Matt. 16:16, 21; Jn. 1:29, 36).
			2. **Son of God who became human** (Matt. 8:24; 21:18; Mk. 3:5 14:32-42; Jn. 1:1-3, 14; Phil. 2:5-8; 1 Jn. 1:1; 4:2-3; 2 Jn. 1:7).
			3. **He is deity i.e. He is God** (Isa. 9:6; Jn. 1:1; 5:18; 8:58; 10:30; 20:28; Col. 1:15-17; Heb. 1:3).
			4. **Worker of Great Miracles** (Matt. 11:4-6; Jn. 20:30-31; 21:25).
			5. **Perfect and free from Sin** (Isa. 53:9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 7:26; 1 Pet. 2:22; 1 Jn. 3:5).
			6. **Crucifixion, burial and Resurrection** (Matt. 27:1-28:15; Mk. 14:43-16:8; Lk.22:47-24:49; Jn.18:1-20:29; Acts 2:22-36; 13:23-39).
		6. Concerning Law:
			1. **Law of Moses/Old Covenant established by God no longer in effect** (Ex. 20-24; Leviticus; Deut. 5; Acts 15; Gal. 5:2-4).
			2. **New Covenant established by Jesus’ blood currently in effect** (Jer. 31:31-34; Matt. 26:28-29; Eph. 2:13-22; Heb. 8-10).
		7. Concerning Christianity and the Church:
			1. **Path to Salvation dictated by Jesus/Apostles** (Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:36-38; 8:26-39; Rom. 6:3-4; 10:9-10; Rev. 2:10).
				1. Need for Faith (Heb. 11:6)
				2. Need for Belief (Acts 16:31)
				3. Need for Repentance (Acts 2:38)
				4. Need for Confession (Rom. 10:9-10)
				5. Need for Baptism (1 Pet. 3:21)
				6. Need for Faithfulness (Lk. 18:1-8; Rev. 2:10)
			2. **Anyone and Everyone can be saved through this path** (Rom. 2:11; 6:10; Acts 10:34; 1 Tim. 2:12-17; Heb. 9:28; 1 Pet. 3:18).
			3. **Jesus established one church, His church**/**Universal Church** (Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:41-42; Eph. 1:22-23; 5:23 Col. 1:18).
			4. **Works of the Church**
				1. Edification of Saints (Eph. 4:11-16; Heb. 10:24-25; 2 Pet. 3:18).
				2. Benevolence (Acts 11:27-30; Rom. 15:25-27; 2 Cor. 8-9; 1 Cor. 16:1-4; 1 Tim. 5:3-16
				3. Evangelism (Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 9:9-14; 1 Thess. 1:1-8; 1 Tim. 3:15).
			5. **Offices in the Church**
				1. Christ as Head (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:15; 5:23-24; Col. 1:18; 2:10).
				2. Elders (1 Tim. 3:17; 5:17-19; Tit. 1:5-9; Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 5:1-5)
				3. Evangelists/Teachers (Rom. 10:14-15; 1 Cor. 9:11-12, 14-23; Eph. 4:11-12; Phil. 4:14-16; 1 Tim. 4:11-16; 2 Tim. 4:2-5).
				4. Deacons (Acts 6:1-4; Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:8-18).
			6. **Worship of the Church**
				1. Timing (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2).
				2. Praying (Acts 2:42; Phil. 4:6; 1 Tim. 2:1-3; Heb. 4:14-15; Jam. 5:13-18).
				3. Singing (Eph. 5:18-20; Col. 3:16; Heb. 2:12; 13:15; Jam. 5:13).
				4. Lord’s Supper (Matt. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 10:15-16; 11:17-34).
				5. Preaching/Teaching (Matt. 28:20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 2 Tim. 2:2; 4:1-5; 1 Pet. 2:1-2).
				6. Exhorting one another (1 Cor. 14:26; Gal. 6:1-2; Eph. 4:12-16; Tit. 2:15; Heb. 10:24-25).
				7. Giving (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8-9).
			7. **Autonomy of Local Church**
				1. Responds only to Head which is Christ (Acts 14:23; 15:22-41; 20:28; Rom. 16:16; Eph. 1:20-23; 1 Pet. 5:1-5).
		8. Concerning the Holy Spirit:
			1. **He is deity i.e. He is God** (Gen. 1:2; Matt. 28:19; Jn. 16:5-15; Acts 5:3; 13:2, 4; 1 Cor. 2:10-11; 2 Cor. 3:17-18; 2 Pet. 1:21).
			2. **Helper/Guide for Apostles** (Jn. 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; Acts 1:4-5, 8; 2:1-13; 2 Pet. 1:19-21).
			3. **Gift/Seal from God** (Lk. 11:13; Acts 2:16-18, 38; Gal. 3:14; Eph. 1:13-14).
			4. **Dwells within disciples of God** (Rom. 8:9, 11, 26-27; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 2:22; 3:16; 2 Tim. 1:14; Jam. 4:5).
		9. Concerning Authority:
			1. **Role of Men vs. Women in positions of Leadership** (1 Cor. 11:3-5; 14:34-35; 1 Tim. 2:11-12).
			2. **God’s established pattern of authority**
				1. Command (Matt. 28:18-20; Jn. 13:34; Acts. 2:38; 1 Thess. 4:3).
				2. Example (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2).
				3. Necessary Inference (Specific and General authority).
		10. Concerning Eschatology:
			1. **Death and the Afterlife** (Gen. 3:19; Psa. 89:48; Lk. 16:19-31; Heb. 9:27).
			2. **The Second Coming of Jesus/Final Judgment** (Matt. 25:31-46; Lk. 18:8; Rom. 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Pet. 3:8).
			3. **The Resurrection** (Matt. 22:29-32; Jn. 5:26-29; 11:25-26; 1 Cor. 15; 1 Thess. 4:14-16).
			4. **Heaven and Hell** (Matt. 25:31-46; Mk. 9:43-48; 2 Cor. 5:1-2; Phil. 3:20; Col. 1:5; 2 Thess. 1:9; 2 Tim. 4:8; Heb. 12:22-23).