

# Unplugged

Becoming crystal clear on what makes CPC God's tribe.

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## Cliff Notes for the Believer

Week 1 - The Bible

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### The Central Truth:

The Bible is God's authoritative word and is fully God-breathed and divinely inspired! *"God superintended the human authors of the Bible so that they are composed and recorded without error His message to mankind in the words of their original writings."* -Dr. Charles C Ryrie.

### 15 Quick Facts:

- Of all world religions, only Jesus died and resurrected with verifiable proof.
- The Council at Carthage 397 AD affirmed the canon- 39 OT & 27 NT books.
- The books of the Bible were selected with 4 criteria: an apostle or someone close to the apostle as the writer, broad acceptance by the churches, consistency of doctrine, and a high moral value reflecting the Holy Spirit.
- The Bible is both inerrant and absolute truth. (John 17:17)
- The promise of Jesus, a *scarlet thread of redemption*, spans the entire Bible.
- 40 authors were "moved along" by the Spirit as they wrote. (2 Peter 1:21)
- The NT contains at least 250 quotations from the OT. (1 Timothy 5:18)
- The Bible is more historically verifiable, with nearly 24K partial manuscripts on hand today, than Homer's *Iliad*, with only 6K manuscripts.
- Reformer Martin Luther declared... *the Scriptures have never erred*.
- The writing of the Bible spanned nearly 1500+ years, from 1400BC- 90AD.
- In 1948, a boy found the Dead Sea Scrolls containing the entire OT except Esther, and 3000 Greek NT manuscripts exist dating from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD.
- Micah predicted Bethlehem as Jesus' birthplace nearly 700 years in advance.
- Biblical writers would *not* have claimed that women were the first to discover the empty tomb, thereby dismantling the claim - but they did.
- The Bible contains the 4 Gospels, which are miraculously harmonious.
- 500+ eyewitnesses saw Jesus after His resurrection- it can't be disproven.

*All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.* 2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

Sources: *Basic Theology* by Charles C Ryrie, *Got Questions*, *Unger's Bible Dictionary*, *Lee Strobel*

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