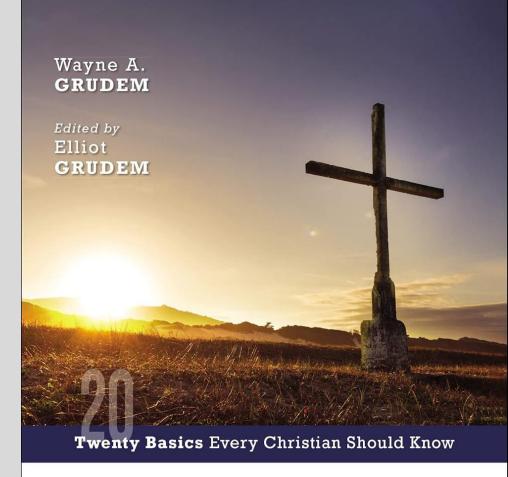


WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

Chapter 1
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CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

REVISED EDITION

The Authority of the Bible

- Deuteronomy 18:18-20
- ∘ 2 Timothy 3:16
- 2 Peter 3:16
- 1 Corinthians 14:37
- The Bible was written by ordinary men in ordinary language with an ordinary style.
 Nonetheless being the inspired Word of God, it is truthful and fact.
- John 17:17

The Clarity of Scripture

- 2 Peter 3:16
- Psalm 19:7
- Psalm 119:18, 34, 130
- Deuteronomy 6:1-9
- Psalm 1:2
- Luke 24:45
- When people disagree on the proper interpretation of a passage in Scripture, the problem does not lie with Scripture, the problem lies with us.

The Necessity of Scripture

- We need God to reveal the truth of his words to us so we can know what it means to become a Christian, live as a Christian, and grow as a Christian.
- ∘ Romans 10:14, 17
- 2 Timothy 3:15
- Matthew 4:4
- ∘ Romans 1:19, 32; 2:14-15
- General Revelation / Special Revelation

The Sufficiency of Scripture

- Psalm 119:1
- ∘ 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Deuteronomy 29:29
- God has revealed exactly what he knows is right for us.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it important that the Bible be the basis for our beliefs?
- Will the Bible definitely answer every question we bring to it? Why or why not?
- What is one issue that the Bible speaks clearly on? What is one issue that the Bible does not speak clearly on? How does this affect the emphasis you should place on these issues?

| My Next Steps | | | | | | | |
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| | FALL | | | | | | |
| Date | Session | Topic | Description | Resource | Teacher | Action Items | |
| 9/7/2025 | 1 | Introduction/God's Word | What Is the Bible? | Christian Beliefs, Chapter 1 | Tony Guzman | Journal on biblical authority and record one daily choice influenced by it. | |
| 9/14/2025 | 2 | Attributes of God | What Is God Like? | Christian Beliefs, Chapter 2 | Jeffrey Crews | Meditate on one of God's attributes and write how it changes your outlook this week. | |
| 9/21/2025 | 3 | The Trinity | What Is the Trinity? | Christian Beliefs, Chapter 3 | Dave Baker | Seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in one decision each day this week. | |
| 9/28/2025 | Potluck Break | | | | | | |
| 10/5/2025 | 4 | Created in God's Image | What Is Creation? What Is Man? | Christian Beliefs, Chapters 4 & 7 | Emi Romero | List 3 ways to reflect God's image in daily interactions this week. | |
| 10/12/2025 | 5 | Importance of Prayer | What Is Prayer? | Christian Beliefs, Chapter 5 | Isaac Tuckey | Pray 3 specific prayers daily and keep a short log of impressions or outcomes. | |
| 10/19/2025 | 6 | Angels and Spritual Warfare | What Are Angels, Satan, and Demons? | Christian Beliefs, Chapter 6 | Vic Rosenbaum | Read Ephesians 6:11-13 and note any ways to stand firm in spiritual battle. | |
| 10/26/2025 | Potluck Break | | | | | | |
| 11/2/2025 | 7 | Sin | What Is Sin? | Christian Beliefs, Chapter 8 | Emi Romero | Identify one sin pattern in your life , take it to prayer and find scripture that helps you view that sin from God's perspective. | |
| 11/9/2025 | 8 | Christ | What Is Christ? | Christian Beliefs, Chapter 9 | Jeffrey Crews | Write a half-page reflection on Christ's work and how it gives you hope. | |
| 11/16/2025 | 9 | Atonement | What Is the Atonement? | Christian Beliefs, Chapter 10 | Bryan Rosenbaum | Define imputation and list at least two verses about Christ being our ultimate sacrifice. | |
| 11/23/2025 | Thanksgiving Potluck Break | | | | | | |
| 11/30/2025 | 10 | Resurrection | What Is the Resurrection? | Christian Beliefs, Chapter 11 | Isaac Tuckey | Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and reflect on the resurrection. | |
| 12/7/2025 | 11 | Election | What Is Election? | Christian Beliefs, Chapter 12 | Emi Romero | Read 2 Peter 1:3-11 and reflect on your election. | |
| 12/14/2025 | 12 | Becoming a Christian | What Does It Mean to Become a Christian? | Christian Beliefs, Chapter 13 | Bryan Rosenbaum | Share your testimony with a family member or friend over this Christmas break. | |
| 12/21/2025 | Christmas Break | | | | | | |
| 12/28/2025 | | New Year's Eve Break | | | | | |

