I. **Basic Belief about the Bible**

A. The Bible is a document written by people telling the story of God acting in history to (1) ____________, (2) ____________, and (3) ____________ His people (Ex. 14-17)

B. God invites the people into a covenant relationship – like a marriage – with rules of relationship so we can have an (4) ____________ relationship with Him and be a (5) ____________ of people characterized by faithfulness, generosity, beauty, and justice. (Ex. 24; 34:27)

C. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired by God, inerrant in the original writings, and of final authority in faith and life. (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:19-21; Matt. 4:4) God's Word is powerful to transform lives that receive this revelation by faith.

II. **Inspired**

That work of God wherein He providentially prepared and moved the human authors enabling them to receive and communicate according to their individual personalities and styles the truth He would have His people know for His glory and human salvation.

III. **Inerrant**

The Holy Bible is wholly true (Psa. 19:9; 119:142, 151; 160; Luke 1:4; John 17:17). Everything it actually teaches is to be received as truth from God. It speaks accurately in ordinary language (2 Chron. 4:2; Isa 11:12; Rev. 7:1; 20:8).

IV. **Why do we believe this?**

A. The Bible teaches it

1. 2 Tim. 3:15-17 The entire Bible comes from God. It is useful for finding salvation, showing us truth about God and life, correcting our misconceptions, showing how to live God’s way. Then we can enjoy God’s best for us.

2. 2 Pet. 1:19-21 Prophets are completely reliable because their words come from men who spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.


B. The Bible is a metanarrative that gives excellent answers the big questions of life.

C. A. N. Sherwin-White (Roman historian): "Any attempt to reject its basic historicity even in matters of detail must now appear absurd."

D. The Bible passes the criterion of (6) ____________.

V. **Questions**

A. Are the Gospels eyewitness testimony (Luke 1) or distant products of a "game of (7) ____________ "

B. Do we have the right words of the biblical text?
1. We have more than (8) handwritten manuscripts in Greek, Latin, Syriac, Coptic and other ancient languages including almost (9) Greek manuscripts. In addition, we have more than (10) quotations of the NT by church fathers.

2. The New Testament is (11) textually pure. In the entire text of 20,000 lines, only 40 lines are in doubt (about (12) words). Even Bart Ehrman agrees that none of these affects any significant doctrine.

C. Do we have the right books?
1. The canonical books were (13) accepted by the Church. The Roman Church formalized its commendation at the Council of Carthage in 397 a. d.

2. The 39 books of the Old Testament are accepted by (14) Jews and Christians. The Apocrypha was also accepted by Hellenistic Jews and all Catholics today.


4. Only the four canonical gospels date from the first century. The "Gnostic Gospels" are much later.

5. There is absolutely no evidence of a conspiracy by the Church to doctor the New Testament, particularly the Gospels, to impose orthodoxy.

D. Are our translations trustworthy?
1. Every translation is faithful to present the truth of the original text so that for all practical purposes we can say of the Bible in our hand, "This is the Word of God."

2. For serious study compare translations that follow formal equivalence (ESV, NET Bible, NAS1995), dynamic equivalence (NIV, NLT), Catholic (NAB, NJB), and Jewish (CJB, NJPS, TNK) and in a language other than English.

VI. Authority: the right to define faithful belief and/or action
As the inspired Word of God, the Bible alone is the (16) authority for all matters of faith and life. It is the covenant document of (17) redemptive relationship with His people.

A. The triune God has authority over all because He created the universe with great wisdom (Ex. 15:18; Prov. 8; Psa. 103:17-19; 145:11-13)

B. He has given all authority to Messiah Jesus (Matt. 28:19-20; John 17:2; Heb. 1:1-3; Rev. 12:10-11; 19:11-16). Jesus followed the Bible, and we follow it as we follow Him.
C. The Bible is the only place God speaks in a fully trustworthy way. (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10; Acts 28:23; Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 14:37; 2 Pet. 3:2)

D. Jesus’ people, guided by God's Word and empowered by His Spirit, are ones through whom God still works authoritatively (Matt. 18:18; John 14:26; 20:21-23; Acts 1:8; 1 Tim. 4:13-16; 2 Tim. 4:2)

E. The Scripture must be read (1) in the context of the whole story and (2) the context of the worshipping, serving body of Christ, as well as (3) privately and devotionally, (4) for the sake of joining God’s gospel work in the world.

F. Accepting God’s authority in Scripture means loving Him, taking His values to heart, obeying His commands, embracing His promises, and declaring them in life and word wherever we go.

VII. Questions about authority

A. Some of the Bible is commands to be obeyed. How can its narratives and psalms be authoritative?
   1. A story makes a point and the shape of the story evaluates the wisdom of the episodes.
   2. The narrative of the Bible is the story of God acting to save people from sin, self, and Satan, to judge and condemn evil and sin in the world to set people free to be fully human.
   3. In a sense this is an unfinished story which we continue following the major characters, values, and goal in this new environment.

B. Is all the Bible equally authoritative?
   1. Some is cultural application of a broader principle (Rom. 16:16; 2 Tim. 4:13-15).
   2. The Mosaic covenant was (18) __________ to Abrahamic (19) __________ Messiah came and the New Covenant was inaugurated (Jer. 31:31-33; Gal. 3:19-4:7; Heb. 8:5-13). We are (20) __________ under the Mosaic code but much in the Mosaic code is part of the bigger biblical morality

C. What do we do when the Bible does not tell us what to do?
   1. What the Bible prescribes, we must believe and do.
   2. What the Bible describes positively, we should follow as closely as possible
   3. When the Bible is silent, God intended to give us freedom to be wise and Spirit led.
Discussion Questions

1. What difference does it make whether we see the Bible as Abba’s life book for His children or a rule book from the Divine Judge?
2. How do rules work in a loving family?
3. What are a couple of reasons why we can believe that our Bible today is authentically what God gave?
4. Is there something that makes it hard for you to trust the Bible?
5. What is an occasion where the Bible’s story guides to relationships of faithfulness, generosity, beauty, and justice?
6. How might you put the guides for reading the Bible (VI. E.) into practice?
7. Practically, what does it mean to accept the authority of the Bible in your life?

Resources

www.timmackie.com/bible-in-the-making
Craig Blomberg, Can We Still Believe the Bible? (Brazos, 2014); The Historical Reliability of the New Testament (B&H, 2016)
NT Wright, Scripture and the Authority of God (Harper Collins, 2011)
DA Carson, ed. The Enduring Authority of the Christian Scriptures (Eerdmans, 2016)

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Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea. 2"The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. 3The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name."
Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea."
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Exodus 15
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Leviticus 11

7 And the pig, it is unclean for you.
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Pentecost
Mark 7

19 Thus He declared all foods clean.
Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

Matthew 7:24
LGBQ Resources

Books on the Issue
People to be Loved: Why Homosexuality Is Not Just an Issue, by Preston Sprinkle  
Same-Sex Attraction and the Church by Ed Shaw  
Gay Girl, Good God: The Story of Who I Was, and Who God Has Always Been by Jackie Hill Perry  
A War of Loves by David Bennett  
Other excellent books are written by Sam Allberry, Rosaria Butterfield, Wesley Hill, and Sean McDowell

Books for Parents and Friends
Out of a Far Country: A Gay Son's Journey to God. A Broken Mother's Search for Hope by Christopher & Angela Yuan  
If I Tell You I’m Gay, Will You Still Love Me? One Mother’s Journey to Truth and Grace by Ann Mobley  

Dialogue
Two Views on Homosexuality, the Bible, and the Church, by Preston Sprinkle  
Space at the Table: Conversations Between an Evangelical Theologian and His Gay Son by Brad & Drew Harper

Books for Parents and Their Children
Brenna Jones, Stan Jones, Carolyn Nystrom. God's Design for Sex Series (4 Books)  
Luke Gilkerson. The Talk: 7 Lessons to Introduce Your Child to Biblical Sexuality

Web Resources
Portland Fellowship  https://www.portlandfellowship.com/  
Them Before Us, Katy Faust, https://thembeforeus.com/  
Reality San Francisco, God and Sex series https://realitysf.com/category/series/god-sex/  
Jon Tyson - https://bridgetown.church/series/god-sexuality/  
Mark Yarhouse https://sexualidentityinstitute.org/  
CHANGED – people who once identified as LGBTQ+ who now celebrate Jesus https://changedmovement.com/

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Transgender Resources

Books on the Issue
Understanding Sexual Identity by Mark A. Yarhouse
Understanding Gender Dysphoria: Navigating Transgender Issues in a Changing Culture by Mark A. Yarhouse
God and the Transgender Debate: What does the Bible actually say about Gender Identity by Andrew Walker
When Harry Became Sally by Ryan Anderson

Web Resources
Jon Tyson - https://bridgetown.church/series/god-sexuality/
Sean McDowell, Scott Rae, and Preston Sprinkle addressed “Christians and the Transgender Question”
Sexuality and Gender: Findings from the Biological, Psychological, and Social Sciences by Lawrence S. Mayer
Pediatrics study on the health of transgender, non-conforming teens
https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/141/3/e20171683

Controversy between Gay and Transgender communities

Detransition

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