

Introduction

What does Adelaide Christian Centre believe about the bible?

Our statement of faith reads...

The Scriptures, as originally written (ie) the sixty six (66) books of the Protestant Bible, are infallibly inspired by God. They alone constitute the final authority in all matters pertaining to Christian faith and practice.

Why we can trust in the Word of God

1. Historical Accuracy

- About 40 different people, from all backgrounds & educational levels, wrote the scripture across a time frame exceeding 1500 years – with an incredibly consistent theme and message!
- The bible is not a history book, but it is historically accurate as confirmed by archaeological & historical facts!
- There are over 6000 manuscripts (or parts) from a range of places and sources – that when cross checked are accurate &

consistent! (*Secular historians only require 5, 10 or 15 manuscripts to verify accuracy*).

- Jesus & early NT church leaders believed in the 'Old Testament' manuscripts – and the early church believed the 'New Testament' manuscripts!

Psalms 33:4 "The Word of the Lord is right and true."

2. Prophetical Accuracy

Matthew 26:56 Jesus said... "But this is all happening to fulfill the words of the prophets as recorded in the Scriptures."

- Approximately 300 prophecies in the OT fulfilled in the NT.

<https://cdn.filestackcontent.com/t0Hq35W1TOKZH4KJPrCA?policy=eyJleHBpcnkjOjE2Mjg0OTg4NzAsImNhbgwiOiJyZWZkIiwiaGFuZGxlljoidDBlcm1VzFUT0taSDRLSIByQ0EifQ==&signature=1f7abb7fd472dd60e889a2ef4f616f287f78f72bde54fc6e63c02fe82f869d3a>

- 44 prophecies specifically about the Messiah across several hundred years.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/swisscottage/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2014/11/44-Prophecies-Jesus-Christ-Fulfilled.pdf>

- About 55 prophecies about Jesus Christ.

<https://www.jesusfilm.org/blog-and-stories/old-testament-prophecies.html>

The prophetic accuracy of scripture is
'mind-blowing' – overwhelming!

3. The Test of Time

Matthew 24:25 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

God's enemies have tried unsuccessfully for 2000 years to destroy the Bible and Gods people.

The church is resilient, strong & growing!

1 Peter 1:24-25 “The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever.”

God does not need me to prove His Word

Matthew 5:18 Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen will disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished!”

- **God does not need me to do what He is already doing!**

Jeremiah 1:12 Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I am (actively) watching over My word to fulfill it” AMP.

We are told to preach the Word
not to protect the Word!

5. God's Word has life transforming power

1 Corinthians 1:18 'For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God'

A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still!

- **The natural mind (carnal mind) is at enmity with God!**

Romans 8:7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

A person with an experience is never at the mercy of a person with an argument!

- **God always honours His Word!**

When we know the God of the Word we implicitly trust the Word of God!

*Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and **I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.** The life I now live in*

the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

*I trust His Word because His Living Word Lives
in me!*