

The Bible is not just information, it is how God produces transformation.

knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:20–21 (ESV)

And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. 2 Peter 3:15–16 (ESV)

The Bible is our highest authority. - Solo Scriptura vs. Sola Scriptura

Conclusion - Live a Biblical Life.

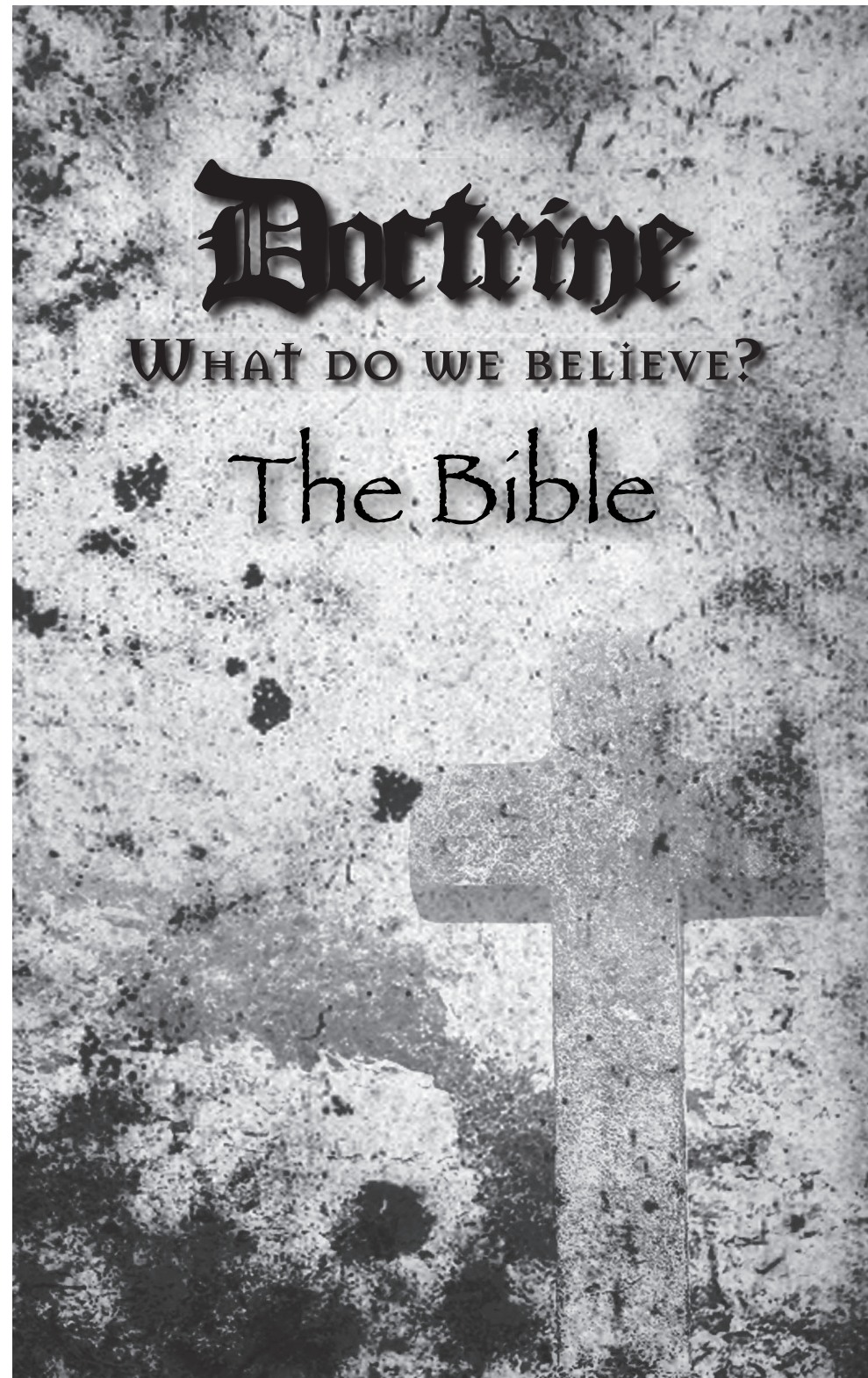
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Doctrine

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

The Bible

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The Bible

What is the Bible?

The Bible is organized by books.

The Bible is organized by chapters and verses.

The Bible is divided into two testaments.

Writing for God is called verbal plenary inspiration.

For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Matthew 5:18 (ESV)

I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not God of the dead, but of the living.” Matthew 22:32 (ESV)

An example of what we DON'T believe

...we sometimes conclude either that the writer's culture or personal experience (e.g., subordination of women or keeping of slaves) seems to have prompted his missing what God was saying or doing, or that God now is saying or doing something new. (<http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/New-or-Returning-to-Church/Dig-Deeper/The-Bible.aspx>)

“Every word of God is flawless;... Proverbs 30:5 (NIV)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)

What does the Bible say about itself?

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; Psalm 19:7 (ESV)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105 (ESV)

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. John 17:17 (ESV)

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22 (ESV)

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)

Who wrote the Bible?

There is combined divine and human authorship.

Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the Lord that he had spoken to him. Jeremiah 36:4 (ESV)

The Old Testament authors were aware they wrote for God.

The New Testament authors were aware they wrote for God.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look. 1 Peter 1:10–12 (ESV)

And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. 1 Corinthians 2:13 (ESV)

If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord. 1 Corinthians 14:37 (ESV)