

We Believe in the Bible (EFCA article #2 of 10)**1. What makes the Bible so unique?****A. The words of the Bible are inspired by God**

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*
- 2 Peter 1:21 - 21 *For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

B. The values of the Bible give freedom

- James 1:22-25 - *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.*

C. The truths of the Bible have stood the test of time

- Proverbs 30:5 - *“Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.*

D. The teachings of the Bible are reliable

- Romans 15:4 - *For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.*

2. Can the Bible be trusted?**A. What was the bible written on?****B. What was the bible written with?****C. Who decided what to include in the Bible?****3. How can I make the Bible a part of my everyday life?**

- Read a section of scripture and answer these three questions:
 1. What did I learn about God?
 2. What did I learn about myself?
 3. What is God asking me to do or change?
- Read the one-year Chronological Bible
- YouVersion Bible app - devotionals / audio / verse of the day

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At Home Study Guide

For the week of October 10, 2021

We Believe. We – Bethel Evangelical Free Church and all those who call this local body of believers our church home. We Believe – we have confidence that these essential truths are what we hold onto in common. Over this 10-week series we will cover ten essential truths of our faith. We pray you will grow deeper in knowing what you believe and why you believe it.

1. What sticks out to you from this statement on The Bible?
2. Why do we call the Bible the Word of God (see 2 Tim. 3:16)?
3. What does it mean that the Bible is “verbally inspired” (2 Pet. 1:20-21)?
4. Read Romans 1:20 and Hebrews 1:1–2. What are ways that God has revealed Himself to us?
5. “Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.” How could you live this sentence out more fully?

For further resources and study questions on this current sermon series, download the “SpeakTruth” App from your favorite App Store. In the App go to “Tracks” then “EFCA Statement of Faith.”

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