

FEATURES OF THE BIBLE

What makes it so unique, beneficial, and important?



<u>Feature</u>	<u>Explanation</u>	<u>Passages</u>
It is God's Word	<i>This is the word from God Himself written for us, not for humans to alter</i>	Zechariah 1:4; John 6:45; Romans 3:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; 1 Peter 4:11; 2 Peter 1:20-21
It is inspired	<i>The Holy Spirit as its author conveyed His thoughts & words (<u>verbal inspiration</u>)</i>	Exodus 20:24b; Psalm 68:11; Isaiah 30:8; Habakkuk 2:2-4; Luke 1:70; John 15:26-27; Acts 1:16; Acts 28:25; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21
It is our authority	<i>God Himself, as our authoritative Lord, is speaking to us</i>	Deuteronomy 4:1-9; Deuteronomy 5:1; Deuteronomy 6:1; Joshua 1:7-8; 2 Chronicles 17:9; Psalm 1:2-3; Matthew 4:4; John 8:47; John 10:27-28; John 18:37; Titus 2:15; 2 John 9
It is truth	<i>It stands firm forever as certain, original, factual, precise, authentic, etc.</i>	Psalm 12:6; Psalm 33:4; Psalm 119:160; Proverbs 30:5; John 8:31-32; John 17:17; Ephesians 1:13; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 1:22; James 1:18
It is holy	<i>It is to be revered, respected, & honored as our holy God Himself is to be</i>	Deuteronomy 10:12; 2 Kings 22:11-13; Ezra 7:10; Psalm 10:17; Psalm 50:1; Psalm 113:3; Proverbs 9:10; Isaiah 6:1-3; Isaiah 48:17; Isaiah 59:19; Isaiah 66:1-2, 5; Ezekiel 36:22; Haggai 1:13; Malachi 2:7; Romans 7:12; 1 Timothy 5:17; Hebrews 13:7, 17
It is eternal & unchanging	<i>As God Himself is eternal & unchanging, so is His Word for time & eternity</i>	Isaiah 40:8; Isaiah 59:21; Jeremiah 36:27-28; Psalm 119:89; Matthew 24:35; Luke 16:17; Luke 21:33; 1 Peter 1:25
It is the source of all doctrine	<i>It contains all the essential teachings God wants us to know</i>	Acts 20:27-28; Romans 16:17-18; 1 Timothy 4:6, 13; 1 Timothy 6:3-5; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Timothy 4:2-5, 17-18; Titus 2:1, 7-8; 2 John 9
It is reliable & trustworthy	<i>It is <u>infallible</u>, for our holy God can't lie and can only tell the truth</i>	2 Samuel 22:31; Isaiah 51:6; Luke 16:17; Romans 1:2-4; 2 Timothy 2:13; Titus 1:2-3, 9; Hebrews 6:18; 1 John 2:25
It is without errors	<i>It is <u>inerrant</u> in all matters of chronology, geography, history, science, etc.</i>	John 10:35b; 1 Timothy 6:3; 2 Timothy 1:13
It is powerful	<i>It is <u>efficacious</u>, able to accomplish all that our almighty LORD God pleases</i>	Isaiah 49:2; Isaiah 55:10-11; Jeremiah 23:28-29; Psalm 33:6; Psalm 119:9; Mark 12:24; Luke 4:1-13; John 15:3; Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:18; 2 Corinthians 6:4a, 7; Ephesians 5:25b-26; Ephesians 6:17; 1 Thessalonians 1:5; Hebrews 4:12; Hebrews 11:3; James 1:18; 2 Peter 3:5

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It is clear & certain	<i>It has <u>perspicuity</u>, its understanding complicated only by our fallen state</i>	Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Deuteronomy 31:12-13; Joshua 8:35; Psalm 19:7; Psalm 34:11; Psalm 93:5; Psalm 119:18; Psalm 119:105; Psalm 119:130; Proverbs 1:4, 23; Proverbs 4:1; Proverbs 22:6; Ecclesiastes 12:1; Isaiah 8:20; Matthew 11:25; Matthew 13:13-17; Matthew 18:3; Matthew 22:29; John 14:16-17; Luke 24:32; 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; 1 Corinthians 2:12-14; 2 Timothy 3:15
It is sufficient	<i>It is enough for what we need to know about God and His will</i>	Deuteronomy 4:2; Joshua 1:7; Psalm 19:7-8; Luke 16:29-31; Galatians 1:8-9; 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:19; 2 Peter 3:2; Jude 3; Revelation 22:18-19
It is creative	<i>It is the Holy Spirit's instrument to create, build, and sustain faith</i>	John 20:31; 2 Timothy 3:15; 1 Corinthians 2:9-14; 1 Corinthians 12:3; Romans 10:17; Ephesians 1:13; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23
It is profitable	<i>It is always beneficial, producing comfort, hope, peace, life, salvation</i>	Psalm 85:8; Psalm 111:4; Psalm 119:50; Jeremiah 29:11; John 6:63; Romans 15:4; Colossians 1:5; Colossians 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:15-17
It is Law	<i>It reveals what God expects of us, exposing our sin and its consequences</i>	Exodus 24:12; John 1:17; Romans 3:19-20; Galatians 3:10; Galatians 3:22; James 2:10
It is Gospel	<i>It reveals what God has done to save us and to give us eternal life</i>	Psalm 25:5; Acts 10:43; Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Ephesians 2:19-20; 1 Peter 1:10; Revelation 12:11
It is Christ-focused	<i>The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the central and pivotal message throughout ...</i>	Genesis 3:15; Genesis 12:3; Psalm 16:10; Psalm 22:1; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 53:3-7; Micah 5:2; Zechariah 9:9; Malachi 3:1; Luke 24:27; Luke 24:44; John 1:45; John 5:39; John 5:46; John 6:45; John 20:31; Acts 8:35; Acts 10:36-44; Acts 18:28; Acts 28:23; Romans 16:25; Ephesians 4:21; 2 Timothy 1:8; Hebrews 10:7; 1 John 5:13; Revelation 1:2
It is unity	<i>There is a unifying message of salvation even from many different eras & styles</i>	
It is a promise book	<i>God is always faithful in accomplishing what He promises us</i>	Psalm 18:30; Matthew 5:17-18; John 2:22; Acts 3:18; 2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 22:6
It is a treasure	<i>Impacted by God's grace, we delight in what we learn and discover from it</i>	Job 23:12; Psalm 40:7-8; Psalm 119:14; Psalm 119:72; Psalm 119:92; Psalm 119:127; Psalm 119:162; Psalm 139:17; Luke 10:38, 42; Luke 11:28; Acts 17:11; Revelation 1:3
It is awesome	<i>Our soul is satisfied by it, but always longs even more of what it brings us</i>	Psalm 1:2-3; Psalm 19:9-10; Psalm 27:4; Psalm 107:9; Psalm 119:16; Psalm 119:47-48; Psalm 119:97; Psalm 119:103; Psalm 119:112; Psalm 119:140; Psalm 119:148; Luke 11:28; Philippians 4:8; 1 Peter 2:2-3
It is exciting	<i>Its words surprise and astonish us as God's grace shines toward sinners</i>	Psalm 34:8; Psalm 40:5; Psalm 92:5; Psalm 100:5; Psalm 111:2; Psalm 119:111; Psalm 139:17; Isaiah 55:1-3; Jeremiah 15:16; Acts 2:46-47; Acts 4:20; Acts 5:42
It is living	<i>Its words are full of life in that the Spirit works through it</i>	Jeremiah 20:9; Ezekiel 37:4-14; Matthew 4:4; Luke 24:32; John 5:24; John 5:39; John 6:63, 68-69; John 8:51; 1 Corinthians 2:12; Philippians 2:16; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:23
It is miraculous	<i>Its words are miraculously written the exact way the Holy Spirit wanted them</i>	Isaiah 46:9-11; Matthew 5:18; John 1:1-3; John 14:26; Acts 7:38; Hebrews 1:1; 2 Peter 1:21 (Note: There is internal evidence of a miraculous arrangement of phrases, sentences, things, actions, people, etc. in multiples of 7's, 10's, and 12's. This Hebraic Meter is a literary form of Divine presence and shows that we have the original words of the Bible)
It is essential	<i>It is absolutely necessary in order to nourish and keep faith alive</i>	Psalm 119:31; Psalm 119:46; Isaiah 8:20; Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23; Luke 9:26; John 8:31-32; John 20:31; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Hebrews 5:12; 2 John 9
It is real	<i>The events & prophecies are authentic, exposing the flaws & challenges of those involved & coinciding with human history</i>	Genesis 12:11-13; Exodus 2:23-24; 2 Samuel 11:2-4; 1 Kings 2:12; Isaiah 44:28; Jeremiah 25:11-12; Matthew 27:2; Luke 2:1-6; John 18:25-27; John 19:16-18