

CONFESSIONAL CONFIDENCE

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The Bible

Realities about the Bible:

- The Bible originates from God.
- The Bible points us to salvation in Christ alone.
- The Bible is useful for every good work.
- The Bible is our sole authority on all things.

"In fact, most of the changes found in early Christian manuscripts have nothing to do with theology or ideology. Far and away the most changes are the result of mistakes pure and simple—slips of the pen, accidental omissions, inadvertent additions, misspelled words, blunders of one sort or another" - Bart Ehrman

"There is within the human mind, and indeed by natural instinct, an awareness of divinity. This we take to be beyond controversy. To prevent anyone from taking refuge in the pretense of ignorance, God himself has implanted in all men a certain understanding of his divine majesty." - John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*

Inductive Bible study method:

- Observation
- Interpretation
- Application

"Calm, focused, undistracted, the linear mind is being pushed aside by a new kind of mind that wants and needs to take in and dole out information in short, disjointed, often overlapping bursts — the faster, the better." - Nicholas Carr, *The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains*

"There is physicality in reading, maybe even more than we want to think about as we lurch into digital reading—as we move forward perhaps with too little reflection. I would like to preserve the absolute best of older forms, but know when to use the new." - Maryanne Wolf

Other Scripture

2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Romans 1:20; Hebrews 1:1-2; Psalm 19:7-11