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4. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.

The Doctrine of Transmission: How did we get our Bible?  
... carried along by the Holy Spirit. *2 Peter 1:21*  
  
34“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” 35The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the **power of the Most High will overshadow you.** So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.” *Luke 1:34-35*

Looking at the character of the writers of the New Testament, we have no reason to believe that they were anything other than people of great integrity. They were willing to live out their beliefs—that Jesus Christ rose from the dead—that they were willing to die for their beliefs. They had nothing to gain from spreading this belief. They were poor, they were criticised, and ten of them died grisly deaths—Peter was crucified upside down...(etc)—all because they believed that this message was so important for others to have. *Josh McDowell, Evidence that Demands a Verdict*

If your Bible is falling apart, your life likely won't be. *Charles Spurgeon*

If you don't trust the Bible enough to let it challenge and correct your thinking, how can you ever have a personal relationship with God. If you pick and choose what you want to believe and you reject the rest, how can you ever have a God that can contradict you. You'll have a "Stepford God". You don't want that. Only if your God can say things that outrage you and make you struggle as in a real friendship or a marriage will you know that you have gotten hold of a real God, and not a figment of your own imagination. An authoritative Bible is not the enemy of a personal relationship with God, but it is the precondition for it. *Tim Keller, The Reason for God*

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16For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.  
19And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21For 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 1:16, 19-21*

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

1. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.

What is the source of the Bible? The Doctrine of Inspiration.

2. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.

The Lord Jesus regarded the Old Testament as a trustworthy, authoritative, unerring guide in our quest for enduring happiness. Therefore we who submit to the authority of Christ will also want to submit to the authority of the Book He esteemed so highly. *John Piper, Desiring God Ministries*

3. The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. *Psalms 19:7*

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