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Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

WHAT WE BELIEVE:

THE BIBLE IS A COLLECTION OF 66 BOOKS WRITTEN BY ABOUT 40 AUTHORS, IN THREE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, ON THREE DIFFERENT CONTINENTS, OVER APPROXIMATELY 1600 YEARS. THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED AND INERRANT WORD OF GOD. THIS MEANS THAT IT CAME FROM GOD AND THAT IT IS WITHOUT ERROR IN EVERYTHING IT ADDRESSES (2 TIM. 3:16).

THE BIBLE CONTAINS MANY DIFFERENT STYLES OF WRITING SUCH AS POETRY (PSALMS), HISTORY (GENESIS, MATTHEW), PARABLES, PROPHECY.

THE BIBLE IS THE SOURCE OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN THAT IT CONTAINS THE WORDS OF GOD AND HOW THE CHRISTIAN IS TO APPLY THE WORDS OF GOD TO HIS LIFE. BASICALLY, THE BIBLE DESCRIBES THE ORIGIN OF MAN IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN (GENESIS 2:18-25) ALONG WITH HIS FALL INTO SIN AND OUT OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD (GEN. 3:1-19). IT THEN DESCRIBES HOW GOD CALLED OUT A SPECIAL PEOPLE TO

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HIMSELF, THE ISRAELITES. HE PROMISED THE ISRAELITES A FUTURE MESSIAH WHO WOULD RESTORE MANKIND'S RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. THEREFORE, IT IS THE INSPIRED ACCOUNT OF THE WORK OF GOD IN HISTORY BRINGING TO FRUITION HIS PROPHETIC DECLARATIONS CONCERNING JESUS. JESUS WAS BORN OF THE VIRGIN, DIED ON THE CROSS, AND PAID FOR SINS, JUST AS WAS PROPHESED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT AND FULFILLED IN THE NEW. IN SHORT, THE BIBLE POINTS TO JESUS, "YOU SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES, BECAUSE YOU THINK THAT IN THEM YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE; AND IT IS THESE THAT BEAR WITNESS OF ME," (JOHN 5:39).

FURTHERMORE, THE BIBLE TEACHES US THAT FORGIVENESS OF SINS IS FOUND IN JESUS ALONE, "AND THERE IS SALVATION IN NO ONE ELSE; FOR THERE IS NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN AMONG MEN, BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED," (ACTS 4:12). YET, SOME SAY THAT IT IS NOTHING MORE THAN FAIRY TALES. BUT THIS CANNOT BE FOR IT CONTAINS CONFIRMATION IN ARCHÆOLOGY REGARDING PEOPLE, PLACES, AND EVENTS. IN FACT, ARCHÆOLOGY ROUTINELY DEMONSTRATES THE ACCURACY OF THE BIBLICAL RECORDS CONCERNING LOCATIONS AND EVENTS RECORDED IN THE BIBLE. IN ADDITION, IT CONTAINS GREAT WISDOM AND TRUTH THAT HAS CHANGED THE LIVES OF MILLIONS AS WELL AS SHAPED NATIONS.

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The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed, though not written by the apostles, is the oldest creed of the Christian church and is the basis for others that followed. Its most used form is:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy catholic Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.