Accurate Translation of the Bible is Verified

- The Bible is the most vetted book in the history of mankind *by far*.
- Over 5800 manuscripts (mss) of the Greek New Testament w/ 2.6 million pages of Biblical text
- Extensive quotations from 1st century writers less than 100 years from time of writing
- · Enemies of Christianity verify the Scriptures
- Over 24,000+ copies dating from 100-300 years after Christ
- The Dead Sea Scrolls verified the accuracy of the translation process with the Old Testament dated manuscripts even prior to Christ.
- Over 250 fulfilled prophecies of Jesus
- Over 25,000+ corroborating archaeological, ecological, social evidences and more
- Modern translations use these Hebrew and Greek manuscripts for today's translations, <u>not</u> translations of translations(csntm.org).

What the Scriptures Say

- "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever" Is 40:8
- Jesus said, "Not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished" (Mt 5:18)
- Jesus said, "It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the least stroke of a pen to disappear from the Law" (Luke 16:17)

How to Test Truth According to the Bible

Warnings:

- "The heart is deceitful above all things" (Jer. 17:19) out of the overflow of the heart comes all kinds of evil (Mt 15:19)
- Do not put your trust in man for truth "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." (Jer. 17:5)
- He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool (Prov 28:26)

The Word of God is the Standard by which All Truth is measured:

- "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Gal 1:8)
- "If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." (Deut 13:1-3)
- "To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20

Biblical Scriptures to Ponder



What the Bible Says About God

- · God is Eternal, and the Only God
 - * "Before me no God was formed, neither shall there be after me" (Is 43:10)
 - * Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any. (Is 44:8)
- Christ is God in the Flesh
 - * In speaking of Jesus the Bible says "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God" (John 1:1)
 - * About Christ: "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him" (Col 1:16-17)



The Purpose of the Law

- The Law leads us to our need for Christ (Gal 3:19-26) - "Christ is the end of the Law" (Rom 10:4).
- "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross" (Col 2:14). The Law could never save a person (Heb 9), only Christ can.

What the Bible Says About the Prophets

- The Prophets pointed us to Christ,- "The law and the prophets were [proclaimed] until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it" (Luke 16:16)
- "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds" (Heb 1:1)

What the Bible Says About the Priesthood

 Jesus is our high priest who is the only one needed as he holds it forever: "But because He remains forever, He holds His priesthood permanently" (Heb 7:24)

What Jesus Says about Marriage

 [Jesus] - At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. (Mt 22:30).

What the Bible Says About Mankind

- "There is none righteous, not one" (Rom 3:10)
- We "were by nature the children of wrath" (Eph 2:3)
- A great chasm separates those in paradise from those in Hades and it cannot be crossed (Lk 16:26)

The Bible and Salvation

- "The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom 6:23)
- "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

 Not of works, lest any man should boast".

 (Eph 2:8-9)
- "Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." (Rom 4:4-5)
- "And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace" (Rom 11:6)

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim 2:5)

Now What?

• "And this is his command: to <u>believe</u> in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to <u>love</u> one another as he commanded us" (1 Jn 3:23)

