

WHY I AM A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST #8

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IT BELIEVES THE WHOLE BIBLE IS THE HOLY, DIVINE, INSPIRED, WORD OF GOD. Every book, chapter, verse, word and letter is inspired of God. That is, it is God breathed!

The Bible is infallible, faultless and perfect. It can safely be said that it is the plenary, inerrant, verbal, inspired Word of God. *Plenary* means it is full, absolute, accurate in all subjects dwelt with. *Inerrant* means it is free from error or mistake. *Verbal* means every word is inspired alike. *Inspired* means that it is God-breathed, God directed, God delivered. We can safely say with all confidence that we hold in our hands the very Word of God.

I have read statistics, and perhaps you have too, which report that only a certain percentage of individuals in some religious groups believe in a particular Bible teaching. Some deny the miracles of Jesus while others deny his deity. Some reject the Biblical account of creation while others say there is no devil or hell. However, Hebrews 11:6 presents a stunning rebuke to such unbelief. It reads, *“But without faith it is impossible to please him (God): for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”*

Evidence abounds from both inside and outside the Bible that it is the

divine Word of God. From within the Bible we read: **“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works”** (2 Tim. 3:16-17). **“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost”** (2 Peter 1:21). **“...When ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God...”** (1 Thess. 2:13).

Expressions such as: *“The Lord said,” “The Lord spake,” “Thus saith the Lord”* are found more than 2,000 times throughout the Bible.

King David once said, *“The spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue”* (2 Samuel 23:2). God said to Isaiah, *“And I have put my words in thy mouth...”* (Isaiah 51:16). The Bible is inspired of God!

To be acceptable with God we must believe ALL of the Bible, not just a part of it. To reject any part of it is to reject the God who gave it. That means we must handle it correctly and use it as God intended it. It is perfect! It must be studied diligently to learn God’s will for us today.

Do you believe ALL the Bible? Are you willing to obey ALL its commands? Do not delay, obey today.

— Garland M. Robinson