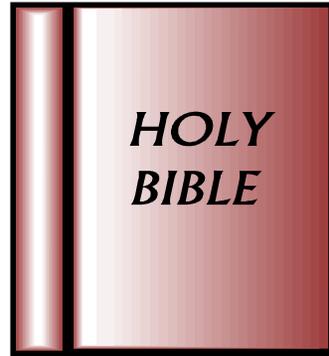


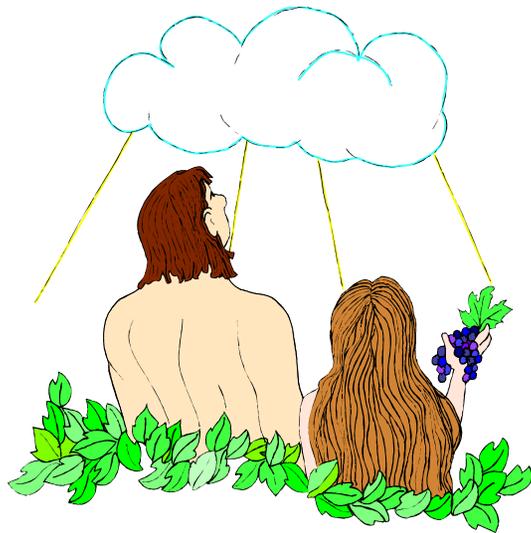
# Why do people not take the Bible seriously?



1. The Bible has no authority.
2. The Bible was just written by men.

# Who has the right to decide?

What is the basis upon which God  
requires us to listen to Him?



**Genesis 1:26-27**

**Psalms 100:3**

**Jeremiah 10:23**

# Does all authority belong to Jesus?

**Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”**

**How has it been made known?**

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# **Christ's authority vested in His word.**

**John 12:48-50 “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him — the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”**

**Is authority in my:  
Feelings?  
Opinion?  
Preacher?  
Church?  
Or Jesus' Words?**

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# How was Jesus sent?

**John 8:26 “I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him.”**

**John 8:28 Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.”**

**How did Jesus send the apostles?**

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# The authority of Christ given to apostles.

**John 17:8 “For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.**

**John 17:18 “As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.”**

**Do you believe this?**

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# How did Jesus' Words come to the apostles?

**John 14:26 “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”**

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**John 20:21-22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”**

**Was this fulfilled?**

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# **Did they receive it?**

**I Corinthians 14:37 If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.**

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**I John 4:6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**

**Did they make it known?**

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# Did the apostles write the authoritative Word?

**I Corinthians 14:37** If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.

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**Jude 3** Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

Is the Word sufficient?

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# **The Word of God is all-sufficient.**

**John 20:30-31 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.**

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**II Timothy 3:16-17 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 complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

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# **Have we received the all-sufficient Word of God?**

**Jude 3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.**

**Will you receive it?**