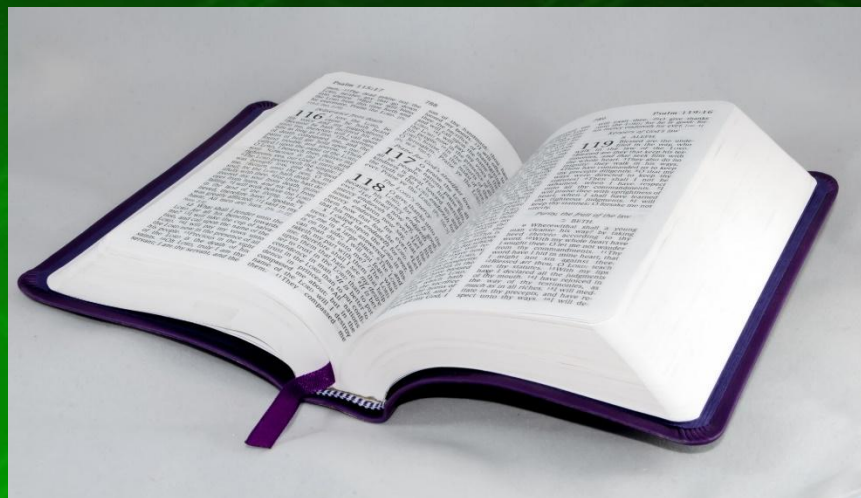


How to Validate a Will



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Internal Evidence

Invalid Tests

Personal Feelings

Jeremiah 17:9; Proverbs 28:26

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Majority Opinion

Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 10:12,18

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Matthew 10:35-37; Galatians 1:11-14

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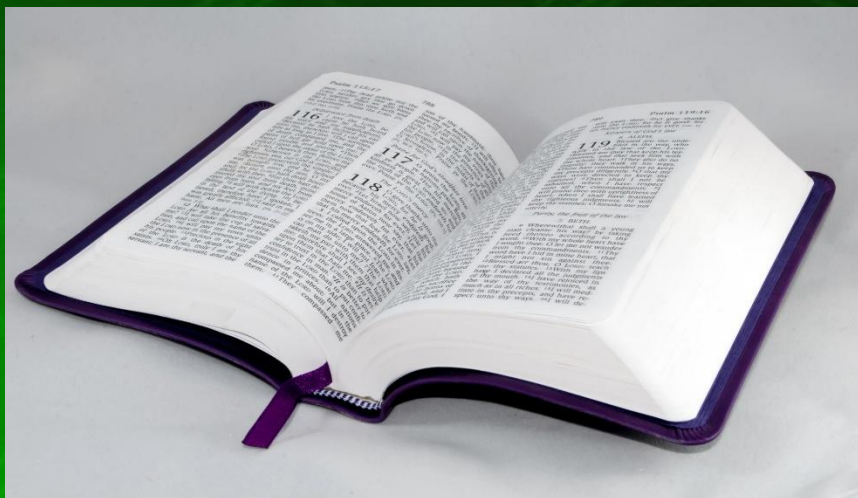
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Isaiah 55:8,9; Luke 16:15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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External Evidence

External Evidence Helps Confirm Scripture.

Archaeology, secular history, geography, and science are helpful.

But such evidence will never confirm all Bible statements.

When outside evidence appears to conflict, the Bible is still true!

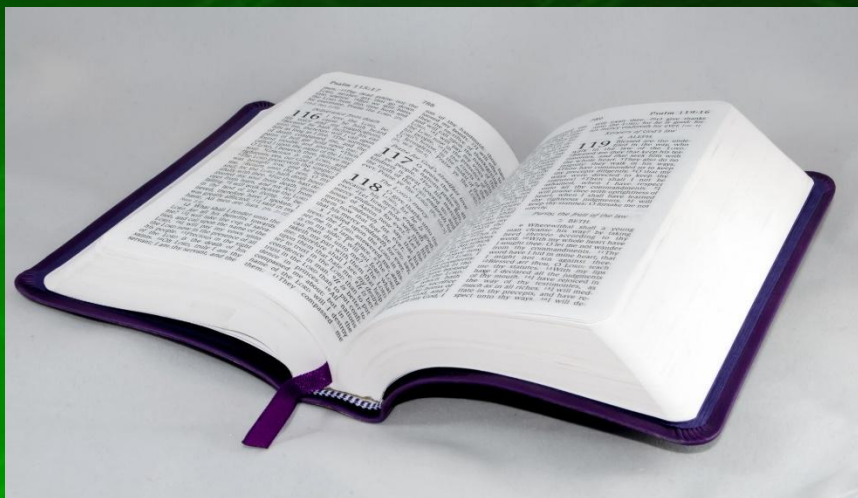
Internal Evidence Is Primary and Sufficient.

Romans 10:17 – Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

John 20:30,31 – Bible writers **wrote** sufficient evidence to convince us to believe

2 Timothy 3:16,17 – Scripture is sufficient to provide us to every good work.

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Internal Evidence: The Primary Tests

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2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20,21; 1 Corinthians 14:37

Internal Evidence: The Primary Tests

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Testimony of Witnesses

(John 8:17; Matthew 18:16; 2 Corinthians 13:1;

1 Timothy 5:19; Hebrews 10:28; Deuteronomy 19:15)

John 20:30,31; 21:24; 1 John 1:1-3; 2 Peter 1:16-18;

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

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Unique Internal Authentication

Fulfilled Prophecy

Isaiah 42:8,9; 41:21-23; 46:9,10; Jeremiah 28:9;
John 13:19; 14:29

Miracles

Mark 16:20; Acts 14:3; Hebrews 2:3,4

Jesus' resurrection

John 20:30,31; Romans 1:4

God's Signature on Scripture: Fulfilled Prophecy

Isaiah 42:8,9; 41:21-23; 46:8-11; Deuteronomy
18:21,22; Jeremiah 28:9; John 13:19; 14:29

God's Signature on Scripture: Fulfilled Prophecy

Prophecies Concerning Israel

Genesis 26:3,4; 28:13,14; 22:17; 12:7 – Abraham's descendants would become a great nation and receive the land of Canaan.

Deuteronomy 28:15-64; 30:1-5 – Moses warned Israel that, if they disobeyed God, they would be taken captive to foreign lands.

Deuteronomy 30:1-5; Jeremiah 25:11,12; 29:10-14 – They would not be completely consumed but would return from captivity (70 years)

Isaiah 44:24-45:7 – Isaiah named Cyrus, who would allow God's people to return and rebuild Jerusalem.

God's Signature on Scripture: Fulfilled Prophecy

Prophecies about Other Nations/Cities

Tyre would be completely destroyed and thrown into the sea – Ezekiel 26:3-14.

Sidon would suffer attack and defeat, but permanent destruction was not predicted - Ezekiel 28:22,23.

Nineveh would be destroyed and become a desolate wilderness – Zephaniah 2:13-15

Babylon would be destroyed and never inhabited from generation to generation - Isaiah 13:17-21

Note Jeremiah 30:10,11; 46:28 - God would make a full end of the nations where the Jews were driven (Assyria and Babylon), but would not make a full end of the Jews.

God's Signature on Scripture: Fulfilled Prophecy

Prophecies about Jesus

Birth in Bethlehem - Micah 5:2 (Matthew 2:1-6)

Virgin birth - Isaiah 7:14 (Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38)

Prophet like Moses – Deut. 18:18,19 (Acts 3:20-23; 7:37)

Both priest and king - Psalms 110:1-4; Zechariah 6:12,13
(Acts 2:32-36; Hebrews 7:17; 8:1)

Rejection and death - Psalm 118:22,23; Isaiah 53:1-12;
Zechariah 13:7 (John 2:19-22; Matthew 16:21,22;
20:18,19; Mark 14:27-31; John 13:21-30)

Details of the crucifixion - Psalms 22:16-18; 34:20 (John
19:18,23,24,31-37)

Death for the guilt of others - Isaiah 53:4-12 (1 Peter
2:21-25; Matthew 20:28; 26:28; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

Resurrection - Psalms 16:10 (Acts 2:24-32; 13:34-37)

God's Signature on Scripture: Miracles and the Resurrection

Purposes of Miracles

Exodus 14:30,31 — Moses

Joshua 3:7-17 — Joshua

1 Kings 18:36-39 — Elijah

Mark 16:20 — Signs *confirmed the word*

Acts 14:3 — God bore witness by signs and wonders

2 Corinthians 12:11,12 — Miracles confirmed apostleship

Hebrews 2:3,4 — God bore *witness* by signs, wonders

Jesus' Resurrection Proves He is:

Christ, the Son of God - John 20:24-31; Romans 1:4

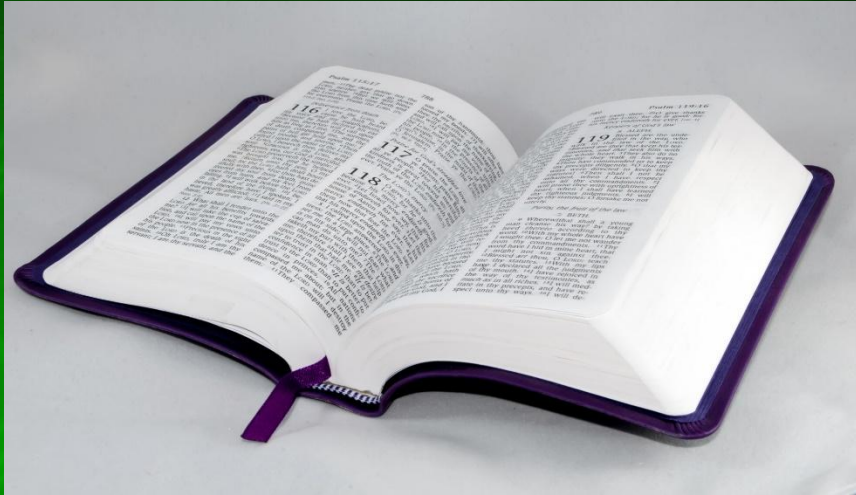
Lord and Christ - Acts 2:32-36; Acts 17:3; Romans 14:9;

Ephesians 1:20-23

Savior who forgives sins - Acts 13:30-39; Luke 24:46,47

Judge of all mankind - Acts 17:30,31

Proper Methods of Validation



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Testimony of Witnesses

Eyewitnesses to Miracles

Moses - Exodus 14:15-18,21-23,26-29

Joshua - Joshua 24:5-7; 3:7-17; chap. 4; 6:1-20

Matthew - Matthew 9:9; 10:1-8; 14:33

Luke - Luke 1:1-4; (Acts 1:1-3)

John - John 20:30,31; 21:24; 1 John 1:1-3

Peter - 2 Peter 1:16-21

Paul - 2 Corinthians 12:11,12

Witnesses to the Resurrection

Mary Magdalene - John 20:11-18; Mark 16:9-11

Other women - Matthew 28:9,10; Mark 16:1ff

Two disciples on the road to Emmaus - Luke 24:13-35; Mark 16:12,13

Peter - Luke 24:34 (1 Cor. 15:5)

All the apostles - Luke 24:36-43; Acts 1:3

Thomas with the apostles - John 20:24-29

James and over 500 brethren at once - 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Saul - Acts 9:1-9; 22:4-15; 26:9-18; 1 Corinthians 9:1; 15:8,9

Saul's Testimony to the Resurrection

Acts 9:1-9 - Saul was an enemy of the gospel

Acts 9:3-6; 22:7,8 - At noon on an open highway Jesus appeared to Saul in a bright light

Acts 9:4-6; 22:7,8,10; 26:14-18 – Saul **heard** and spoke to Jesus

Acts 26:16 – Jesus said He **appeared** to Saul make him a **witness** of what he had **seen**

Acts 9:17; 22:14,15 – Ananias confirmed Jesus **appeared** to Saul

Acts 9:8,9,18; 22:11-13 - Saul was struck blind till Ananias came and restored his sight

1 Corinthians 15:3-9; 9:1 – Paul lists himself with other people who saw Jesus alive again

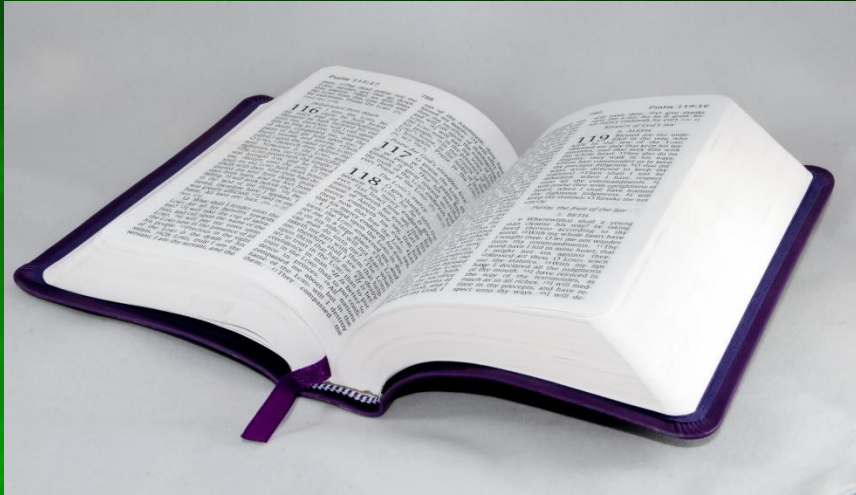
Honesty and Integrity of the Witnesses

The witnesses immediately and repeatedly proclaimed their testimony – Acts 1:22; 2:32; 3:15; 4:33; 10:39-41; 13:30-32; 22:14,15; 26:16; 1 Cor. 15:3-8,15. This began, not hundreds of years later, but less than 50 days after the resurrection.

Men throughout the Old and New Testaments suffered and died for their testimony. All the apostles were persecuted and most gave their lives for this testimony.

Yet none ever withdrew it, denied it, or retracted it. That is the supreme proof of integrity.

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