

# THE HOLY BIBLE

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof,  
for correction, for instruction in righteousness:  
That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly  
furnished unto all good works.

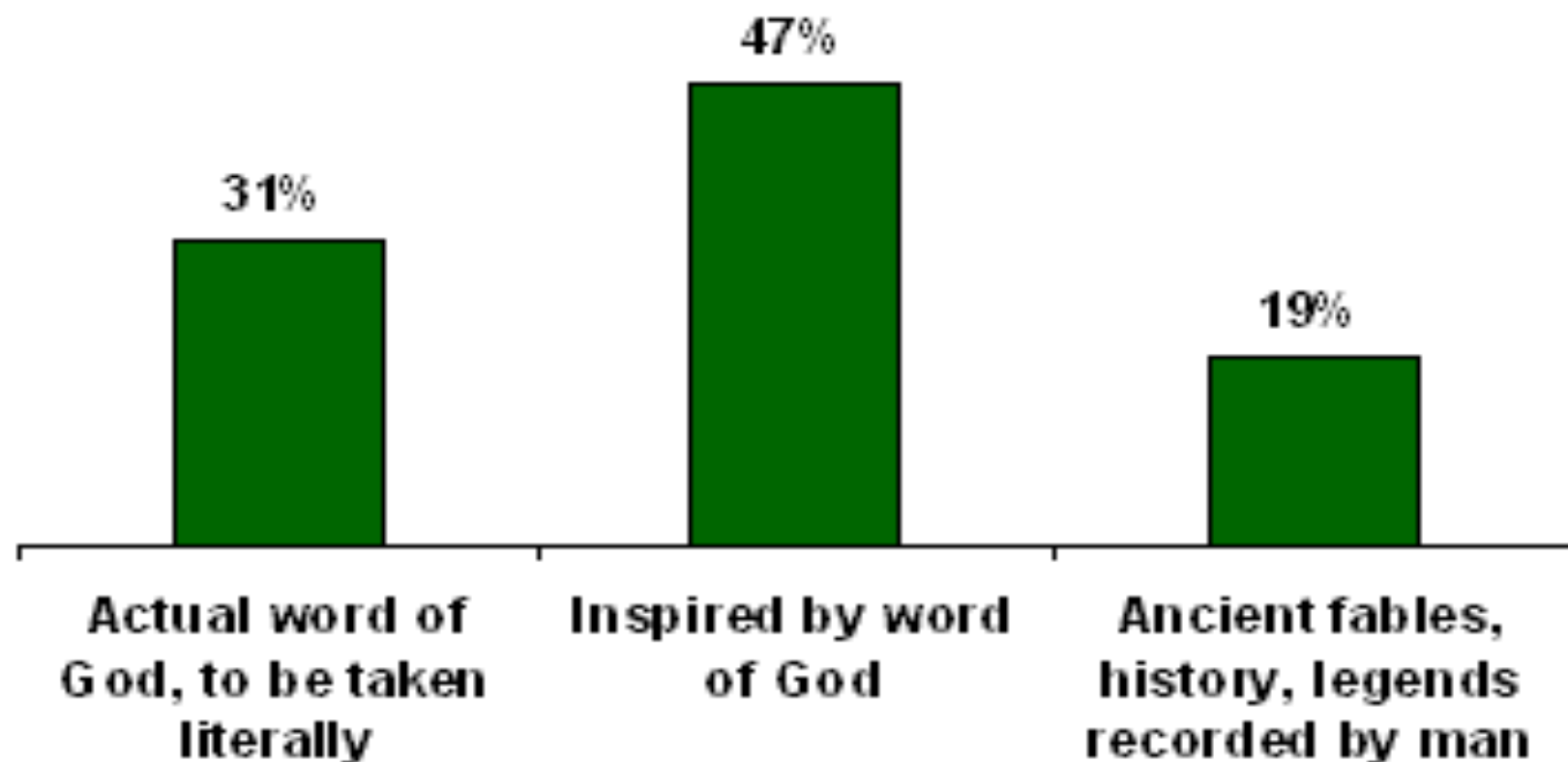


**“The Bible is totally accurate.”**

All Adults	41%
Adventists	64%
Assemblies of God	77%
Baptists (any type)	66%
Catholics	26%
Episcopal	22%
Lutheran (any type)	34%
Methodist (any type)	38%
Mormons	29%
Non-denominational Christian	70%
Pentecostal/Foursquare	81%
Presbyterian (any type)	40%
Church of Christ	57%

## Is the Bible Inspired by God?

**Which Best Describes the Bible?**



**Average of May 2005, May 2006, May 2007 Gallup Polls**

# Does the Bible tell me so?

2 Timothy 3:16,17 NIV

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# Does the Bible tell me so?

- How is Scripture unique?
- What is the Bible good for?
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# Prophecy of the Messiah

## Born in Bethlehem

The Old Testament

**Micah 5:2** says:

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

The New Testament

**Matthew 2:1** says:

"After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod..."

# **Prophecy of the Messiah Born of the tribe of Judah**

- The Old Testament  
**Genesis 49:10** says:  
  
"The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his."

The New Testament **Luke 3:23-34** and **Matthew 1:1-16**

A genealogical list of the descendents of Jesus

# Prophecy of the Messiah

## Enter Jerusalem on a donkey

The Old Testament

**Zechariah 9:9** says:

“Rejoice greatly, O  
Daughter of Zion! Shout,  
Daughter of Jerusalem!  
See, your king comes to  
you, righteous and having  
salvation, gentle and  
riding on a donkey, on a  
colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The New Testament

**Luke 19:35-37** says:

“They brought it to Jesus,  
threw their cloaks on the  
colt and put Jesus on it.  
As he went along, people  
spread their cloaks on the  
road. When he came near  
the place where the road  
goes down the Mount of  
Olives, the whole crowd  
of disciples began joyfully  
to praise God in loud  
voices for all the miracles  
they had seen.”



# Prophecy of the Messiah Sold for Thirty Pieces of Silver

The Old Testament

**Zechariah 11:12** says:

Then I said to them,  
“If it is agreeable to  
you, give *me* my  
wages; and if not,  
refrain.” So they  
weighed out for my  
wages thirty pieces of  
silver.

The New Testament

**Matthew 26:15** says:

“What are you willing to  
give me if I hand him  
over to you?” So they  
counted out for him  
thirty silver coins.

# Prophecy of the Messiah

## The Messiah will be beaten and spit upon

The Old Testament

**Isaiah 50:6** says:

I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

The New Testament

**Matthew 26:67-68** says:

Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ. Who hit you?"

# Prophecy of the Messiah

## The Messiah would be wounded by his Enemies

The Old Testament

**Isaiah 53:5** says:

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

The New Testament

**Matthew 27:26** says:

“Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.”

# Prophecy of the Messiah

## The Messiah would have His hands and feet pierced

The Old Testament

**Psalm 22:16** says:

Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

The New Testament

**Luke 23:33** says:

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals-- one on his right, the other on his left.

# Prophecy of the Messiah

## The Messiah would be crucified with Thieves

Old Testament

**Isaiah 53:12** says:

Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The New Testament

**Matthew 27:38** says:

Two robbers were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

# What is the Bible good for?

- **First**, it is to be used to instruct and teach us as to what the beliefs of the Christian faith are. Doctrine – teaching to explain.
- **Second**, it is to be used to reprove and rebuke those who are in sin.
- **Third**, it is to be used to correct one from a bent to upright state.
- **Fourth**, it is God's manual to instruct and train us in righteousness.

# *Practical Uses of the Word*

- 1. To resist temptation
  - a. Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. [Psalm 119:11](#)
  - b. [Matthew 4:1-11](#) “...it is written.”
- 2. To transform you (i.e. straighten up your thinking.)
  - a. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.  
[Romans 12:2](#)
- 3. To Guide you
  - a. Your word *is* a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.  
[Psalm 119:105](#)

## *Practical Uses of the Word*

- 4. To endue you with wisdom  
The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.  
[Psalm 119:130](#)
- 5. To lengthen your life and increase peace  
My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands;  
2 For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you.  
[Proverbs 3:1-2](#)
- 6. To build physical health  
My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.  
[Proverbs 4:20-21](#)



- 7. To build character
  - a. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

[2 Timothy 3:16](#)

- 8. To make you successful
  - a. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

[Joshua 1:8](#)

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*The Invitation of Christ*