

# Fort Payne church of Christ



## The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

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### ***Is The Bible Inspired?***

Have you ever had to give an answer to this question? Most Christians probably have and the easy answer is "YES." But then comes the next question, "How do you know it is inspired?" That one is a little harder to answer. At least without first giving it some thought. Let me share with you an answer to the second question.

- The Bible is not just one single book. This is a more common misconception than many people have, especially with people who do not come from a Judeo-Christian background. Rather than being a single book, the Bible is actually a collection of 66 books, which is called the canon of scriptures. These 66 books contain a variety of genres: history, poetry, prophecy, wisdom literature, letters, and apocalyptic, just to name a few.
- These 66 books were written by 40 different authors. These authors came from a variety of backgrounds: shepherds, fishermen, doctors, kings, prophets, and others. And most of these authors never knew one another personally.
- These 66 books were written over a period of 1500 years. Yet again, this is another reminder that many of these authors never knew or collaborated with one another in writing these books.
- The 66 books of the Bible were written in 3 different languages. In the Bible, we have books that were written in the ancient languages of Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic; a reflection of the historical and cultural circumstances in which each of these books were written.
- These 66 books were written on 3 different continents: Africa, Asia, and Europe. Once again, this is a testament to the varied historical and cultural circumstances of God's people. Think about the above realities: 66 books, written by 40 different authors, over 1500 years, in 3 different languages, on 3 different continents. What's more, this collection of books shares a common storyline - the creation, fall, and redemption of God's people; a common theme - God's universal love for all of humanity; and a common message - salvation is available to all who repent of their sins and commit to following God with all of their heart, soul, mind and strength.

In addition to sharing these commonalities, these 66 books contain no historical errors or contradictions. God's word truly is an amazing collection of writings!

As amazing as the above is, the fact that these 66 “books”, written over a period of 1500 years and on 3 different continents, found their way into a single book – The Bible. That just didn’t happen. It was by the hand of God that these exact books were joined together to tell the story that God wanted told. That, to me, is the most persuasive fact that assures us that the Bible is indeed inspired!

Think about it.

Here’s hoping you’ll make the “*most of your minutes*” this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

***Bob Strickland***