

Authority – – the power or right to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience. To JUDGE you, govern you, and make decisions for you,

To submit is to yield, surrender, follow without question.

Scripture is . . .

1. Forever settled, a closed canon, not subject to my interpretation or approval.
2. Divinely inspired like NO OTHER book ever. The actual words of God speaking directly to us.
3. Without fault, without contradiction, without any error, it is perfect.

History has proven scripture to be DIVINE –

1. Hundreds of prophecies in the old testament have been fulfilled. More than Nostradamus, Zoltar, taro cards, and crystal balls combined.

191 specifically about Christ, his arrival, birth, message and death.

2. Now translated into over 2100 languages.
3. In the last 2,000 years thousands of martyrs have died to proclaim Gods word.
4. 6 billion printed copies have been sold and youversion downloaded 385 million times. The Gideons have given away 1 billion copies over 93 years.
5. Smugglers have distributed 100s of thousands in the 52 countries who currently ban the Bible. It is illegal in 52 countries to own one!

Hunger is strong where it is prohibited.

people are willing to go to jail for years to own a copy.

The reformers were burned alive for making it available to the common man.

We are free to argue about translations, doctrines, and own as many as we wish, but WE have NO desire, yearning, passion, or drive to hear from Gods word.

“we’ve heard it all before”

We’ve read it from cover to cover, been through it page by page... but have we allowed it to go through us? Pierce our soul, convict us of sin? Light a fire in our spirit?

5 slides from Barna research on the Bible –

1. Video from Mark Driscoll

Why we don't submit to the scripture's authority in our life:

1. Were just rebellious by nature – stubborn, independent, controlling
2. Were ignorant – we are unaware of the benefits, power and provision
3. Were complacent – lazy, lukewarm, conflicted
4. We resist the change it will bring – I will have to admit that my way is wrong, but I like my way. Comfortable dysfunction

Why we should submit to the authority of scripture –

1. It brings light – understanding, revelation, wisdom
2. It brings healing – sanity, peace for your soul
3. It brings vision – a plan, a purpose, a strategy for the future
4. It brings hope – the world can be depressing, mean, and draining.
Gods word opens up possibilities and promises.

How we can :

1. Study – private and public
2. Pray and ask God to reveal truth
3. Listen...really listen to teaching a lot! (several teachers)

Who can really “study” the Bible?

1. Born again people - your spirit is awake
(carnal people have closed eyes and ears)
2. Spiritually hungry people - I don't have the “right to my own beliefs”
3. Must Deny / crucify the desire for constant entertainment
4. Must have a conviction to defend the truth – apologetics

VIDEO Koran and Bible

VIDEO about India

VIDEO about China