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SERIES: New Members Class

TITLE: What We Believe About
the Bible

LESSON: One

I. Membership process

- A. Complete this class.
- B. Complete Paperwork.
- C. Brief meeting with Elders / Deacons.
- D. Public Testimony.

II. What we believe about the Bible.

- A. We teach that the 66 books of the Bible are

_____.

Jude 3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

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B. We believe in _____.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture (plenary inspiration) is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

“inspired” [theopneustos] God-breathed

C. We believe that every word is absolutely

_____ and infallible in the original documents

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, **the word of God**, which also performs its work in you who believe.

D. We teach that God spoke in His written Word by a process of _____ authorship.

2 Peter 1:20–21 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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E. We teach that the Bible constitutes the only fallible rule of _____ and _____.

Matthew 4:4 But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.’ ”

John 17:17 “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

F. We teach that, whereas there may be several implications or applications of any given passage, there is but _____ true interpretation.

G. We believe that it takes the work of the Holy Spirit and our _____ to arrive at the correct interpretation.

2 Timothy 2:7 Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

“Reflect”

III. Our philosophy of preaching.

Nehemiah 8:1–12 And all the people gathered as one man at the square which was in front of the Water Gate, and they asked Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses which the Lord had given to Israel.

A. **God's word is to be** _____.

1. They _____ to hear God's Word.

2 Then Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly of men, women and all who could listen with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month.

2. Men, women, and _____ of appropriate age.