

Lesson Five:

Inerrant & Pure – The Bible's Truthfulness

Lesson 5 of the series:

The Word Unshaken: Defending the Bible in a Shifting World

Outline for Lesson 5: Inerrant & Pure – The Bible's Truthfulness

Series Theme Statement: We must be able to back up everything we teach and preach with the Bible—what it actually says, not what we read into it, infer from tradition, or imagine sounds conservative. If it cannot be supported with chapter and verse, it must not be accepted as doctrine. The Word of God alone is the final authority for the Christian life, and its relevance, reliability, and authority stand regardless of cultural change.

Lesson Five Objective

To strengthen our confidence in the Bible by affirming that it is the inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word of God; to understand that because every word of Scripture is true and cannot fail, it provides believers with:

- **Doctrinal Purity**
- **Theological Unity**
- **Moral Clarity**

To exhort every Christian to stand boldly for the truth, because "Thy word is truth." – John 17:17

I. Introduction: The Truth That Cannot Be Broken

Key Verse: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." – John 17:17

- True Christians are marked by a love for truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10).
 - The Bible is not a vague moral code—it is the living Word of God.
 - The church is “the pillar and ground of the truth.” – 1 Timothy 3:15
 - Martyrs and reformers bled and died rather than deny its truth.
 - If the Bible is truth worth dying for, it is certainly truth worth living by.
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II. All Scripture Is God-Breathed

Key Text: 2 Timothy 3:16

- “All scripture is given by inspiration of God...” – not just thoughts, but words (theopneustos – God-breathed).
 - Writers were “moved by the Holy Ghost.” – 2 Peter 1:21
 - Because God is perfect, His Word is perfect.
 - The doctrine of inspiration is the bedrock for inerrancy.
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III. The Bible Is Inerrant – It Contains No Error

A. Defining Inerrancy and Infallibility

- **Inerrant:** Without error in everything it affirms (faith, history, science).
- **Infallible:** Cannot lie, cannot lead astray, cannot fail.

B. The Holiness of God Demands a Perfect Word

- “God is not a man, that he should lie...” – Numbers 23:19
- “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised...” – Titus 1:2

C. Christ’s View of Scripture

- He quoted Scripture authoritatively, precisely (Matthew 5:18; John 10:35).
- He never questioned its truth—neither should we.

D. Inerrancy Is Not Just for the Originals—It’s a Promise

- “Thy word is settled in heaven.” – Psalm 119:89

- “My words shall not pass away.” – Matthew 24:35
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IV. God Preserved His Word Through Translation

A. The King James Translators’ Method

- Scholars divided into six committees, over 50 men in total.
- Used Hebrew Masoretic Text (OT) and Greek Textus Receptus (NT).
- Rigorous review: Each verse passed through 12–14 checks.
- Marginal notes, italics, and linguistic reverence ensured clarity and honesty.
- Rooted in promises like Psalm 12:6–7.

B. They Believed They Were Preserving, Not Inventing

- Not driven by novelty, but fidelity.
 - Not seeking personal glory, but divine stewardship.
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V. The Word of God Is Pure and Perfect

A. Scripture Was Forged in Heaven

- “The words of the LORD are pure words...” – Psalm 12:6
- “The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul.” – Psalm 19:7

B. Inerrancy Must Be Comprehensive

- Not just true in “spiritual” things—but in **all** things.
 - If it's flawed in history or morality, it's untrustworthy in salvation.
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VI. The Bible Produces Sanctified Lives

Key Verse: “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” – John 17:17

- The Word renews the mind (Romans 12:2), purifies the soul (1 Peter 1:23), and lights the path (Psalm 119:105).

- Without a flawless Bible, sanctification would be flawed too.
 - The infallible Bible produces holy people.
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VII. The Word of God Is Infallible – It Cannot Fail

A. It Is Incapable of Error or Failure

- “So shall my word be... it shall not return unto me void...” – Isaiah 55:11
- Not just true—it’s victorious. It always accomplishes its purpose.

B. It Reflects God’s Unchanging Character

- “For I am the LORD, I change not...” – Malachi 3:6

C. It Proves Itself Through Fulfilled Prophecy

- Messianic prophecies precisely fulfilled (Micah 5:2; Psalm 22:16).
 - “We have also a more sure word of prophecy...” – 2 Peter 1:19
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VIII. The Word of God Is Alive

Key Text: Hebrews 4:12 – “For the word of God is quick, and powerful...”

- “Quick” = living.
 - The Word **is** God’s present voice, active and transforming.
 - This Book breathes. It convicts, comforts, saves.
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IX. The Infallible Word Is the Gospel Word

A. Our Eternal Life Depends on It

- “Being born again... by the word of God...” – 1 Peter 1:23
- The Gospel is not guesswork. It is infallible truth.

B. Denying Infallibility Is Spiritual Rebellion

- “Let God be true, but every man a liar.” – Romans 3:4
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X. Conclusion – A Word Worth Living and Dying For

- “For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.” – Psalm 119:89
- This is the Word that saves souls, reforms churches, and defies empires.
- Anchor your life to the Bible. Preach it. Defend it. Live by it. Die with it in your hands.
- Let every generation know: this Word stands forever. – Isaiah 40:8

KEY SCRIPTURE/MEMORY VERSES

- “The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.” — *Psalms 12:6*
- “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*
- “Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.” — *Proverbs 30:5*

PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- (1) When the Bible confronts your beliefs or habits, do you adjust your life to Scripture—or try to adjust Scripture to your life?
- (2) Have you ever felt pressure to compromise your view of the Bible’s inerrancy to avoid conflict with others? How did you respond?
- (3) In what ways are you growing in confidence that the Bible is not only true but sufficient for every season of life?
- (4) How has a passage of Scripture shaped your view of God or brought conviction to your heart?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The Bible is not partially true or mostly accurate—it is **entirely** true and absolutely trustworthy.
- The inerrancy of Scripture means that God cannot lie, mislead, or fail in what He has revealed.

- If we surrender the purity of the Bible, we will drift into doctrinal confusion and moral compromise.
- But if we **stand on** and **submit to** the Word, we walk in light, stability, and life-giving truth.