

# IS GOD REAL? CAN I TRUST THE BIBLE?

Hebrews 11:6

Romans 10:17

# 1. GOD IS INVISIBLE ... SO WHAT!?

- The hiddenness of God
  - Romans 1:20; Colossians 1:15-16; 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:15-16; Hebrews 11:27; 1 John 4:12, 20; John 1:3
- Self-evident truths & logic are invisible
- Physical forces & goal-directedness are invisible
- Personhood & objective moral values are invisible

## 2. DEVIL'S DECEPTION CLOUDS THE ISSUES

- Satan is a liar—no surprises there
  - John 8:44; Psalm 14:1; 53:1
- The stakes are high for people duped by Satan
  - Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 7:14; Revelation 21:8
- ***Less than 16%*** of world pop. is “unaffiliated,” but ***more than 54%*** of world population believes in gods beyond the God of the Bible (Pew Research)

### 3. TRUST THE BIBLE'S PROPHECY TRUST THE BIBLE'S ACCURACY

- Prophecy

- Isaiah 53:7-9 → fulfilled in gospels; Acts 8:32-35; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5
- Matthew 5:17; Luke 24:44

- Accuracy

- Hittites (mid-1900s) → Genesis 23:10; 26:34
- Tel Dan Stele (1993) → “king of Israel” and “house of David”
- Luke's historical markers in Acts confirmed late 1800s

## 4. TRUST THE BIBLE'S UNITY TRUST THE BIBLE'S INDESTRUCTIBILITY

- Unity

- 66 books, 40 authors, 1600 years, 3 different languages, multiple cultural backgrounds
- In contrast, Titanic's story is full of conflicting reports

- Indestructibility

- Matthew 24:35; Isaiah 40:8
- King Jehoiakim (Jeremiah 36:22-23), French skeptic Voltaire (early 1700s), and American infidel Robert Ingersoll (early 1900s) tried and failed to see its end

# GOD IS REAL AND THE BIBLE IS TRUSTWORTHY, WHY WAIT?

## BE SAVED, BECOME A CHRISTIAN

- **Hear the good news** (John 1:1-3, 14; Romans 5:6-11)
- **Believe it obediently** (John 3:16; Hebrews 5:5-9)
- **Repent of living in sin** (Luke 13:3, 5)
- **Confess your faith in Christ** (Matthew 10:32-39; Romans 10:10)
- **Obey the good news, be baptized** (Acts 2:38-47; Romans 6:3-10)

## REMAIN A SAVED CHRISTIAN

- **Grow more faithful** (Luke 19:17; 1 Corinthians 4:2; 1 Peter 2:21)
- **Bear spiritual fruit** (Galatians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:15)
- **Be sound in doctrine** (Romans 6:17; Titus 1:9)
- **Be restored if unfaithful** (2 Corinthians 7:10; 1 John 1:5-10)