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**Rediscovering Biblical Christianity:
The Scripture is Reliable**

2 Peter 1:16-21

1 Peter 1:23-25

Since the Bible was copied by hand for many years, and since we don't have the "original manuscripts," how do we know what we have is what the Bible's authors wrote?

The Bible compared to other works of antiquity:

The Bible's internal consistency

NT Manuscripts

OT Manuscripts

Variant Readings

“There are so many different versions of the Bible, how can you really know which one is right?”

The Bible was not revealed in English.

Words and their meanings

“versions”

The Bible in other languages

Over 6,600 languages do not have a complete Bible – that’s 1.5 billion people without God’s truth!

Over 3,900 languages do not have ANY portion of the Bible in their language – that’s over 225 million people!

Romans 10:13-15

Questions for Discussion and Contemplation

1. What is your favorite Bible and why?
2. What does it mean to you that the Bible is reliable – that it faithfully represents what the Bible writers wrote?
3. Why does it matter if people hear God’s word in their own heart language? What if that language changes over time, what should happen?
4. Even though we’ve had the Bible in English since John Wycliffe published it in 1,382 (over 600 years) still many of our friends and neighbors haven’t read it or heard it. Why? What can you do about it?