

Doctrine of Inerrancy

The doctrine of inerrancy applies to the original writings of scripture. The fact that none of them are known to exist today does not mean we cannot trust what we do have as being accurate. There are numerous very early manuscripts that have been preserved and agree as to the contents of God's revelations to mankind.

The five statements listed below came out of a conference on biblical inerrancy in Chicago some years ago that was attended and subscribed to by many evangelical scholars of that time.

1. God, who is Himself Truth and speaks truth only, has inspired Holy Scripture in order thereby to reveal Himself to lost mankind through Jesus Christ as Creator and Lord, Redeemer and Judge. Holy Scripture is God's witness to Himself.
2. Holy Scripture, being God's own Word, written by men prepared and superintended by His Spirit, is of infallible divine authority in all matters upon which it touches: it is to be believed, as God's instruction, in all that it affirms, obeyed, as God's command, in all that it requires; embraced, as God's pledge, in all that it promises.
3. The Holy Spirit, Scripture's divine Author, both authenticates it to us by His inward witness and opens our minds to understand its meaning.
4. Being wholly and verbally God-given, Scripture is without error or fault in all its teaching, no less in what it states about God's acts in creation, about the events of world history, and about its own literary origins under God, than in its witness to God's saving grace in individual lives.
5. The authority of Scripture is inescapably impaired if this total divine inerrancy is in any way limited or disregarded, or made relative to a view of truth contrary to the Bible's own; and such lapses bring serious loss to both the individual and the Church. End of declaration.

The following scriptures speak of the truthfulness of the Word of God.

John 17:13. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14. I have given them thy **WORD**; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy **WORD IS TRUTH**.

Titus 1:1. Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the **TRUTH** which is after godliness;

2. In hope of eternal life, which God, **that cannot lie**, promised before the world began;

Psalms 119:158. I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.

159. Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.

160. **Thy word is true from the beginning:** and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

Psalms 100:4. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

5. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; **and his truth endureth to all generations.**

John 1:14. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace **and truth**.

2nd Peter 1:19. We have also a **more sure word of prophecy**; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

20. Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21. **For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

And Christ's own words in:

Revelation 21:5. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these **words are true and faithful**.