

and archaeological matters give powerful evidence for the accuracy of the concrete matters in the Bible. The spiritual matters find their ultimate certification in the resurrection of our Lord from the dead and the incontestable nature of that evidence.

c. We Believe it is Adequate for us.

God has spoken to us by a Son who "sat down". The work is finished and the Word that came by him is complete. He discontinued this form of activity. In his day the Lord did many wonders to certify his person and control. Ultimately it was his word which he commended to his followers (John 14, and 17) as the basis for their knowledge and development. If it was the word that would "sanctify" them (John 17: 17, 19) we believe it is the Word that will likewise set us apart for him.

James 1:21 tells us that it is the word that saves our souls. Hebrews 4:12 shows that it is the force that discerns and corrects us in the life..while in 1 Peter 2 we learn that it is the food that sustains and nourishes us in the path. The basic Christian belief is that God has spoken and we believe that what he has said is right for us.

3. Conclusion

Sometimes it is hard to believe the Bible. Our minds are bothered by sin and the settings of life. We compound our sin and trouble by doubting God. But this is usually a limited and individual matter. The basic Christian belief is that God has spoken and it is by believing this that we receive the knowledge of salvation. We should not allow later doubts to tear us from the simplicity and joy of this concept. His Word is true. As our belief is better understood and the use of the Word made more important in our lives, we continually learn better lessons that in turn re-affirm the truth of the Word. To trust it and use it is the approach that helps us grow in our belief and reliance upon it.