



*The Bible is God's love letter to His children. It is alive!
The Author of the Bible is God, working through the personality and
experiences of chosen men and women just like you and me.*

The Hebrews were chosen to hold and care for these sacred words of God.
There is no dispute about the Authenticity of the Old Testament books.

The Jews cared for, transcribed, and honored the
Scriptures. The so-called "Old Testament" is the history of
God choosing a people to bless the earth (the Jews) with the
promise and fulfillment of a "Messiah" or Deliverer.

This promised Messiah was Jesus Christ, a Jew from the royal tribe of
Judah and a descendent of King David. Jesus is God's Son, and has
always existed. According to the God-story He made the world.

When the Holy Spirit came upon Mary (a virgin) He became
the Father of Jesus the human (who was also sinless God).
They were and are Father and Son - just as they have always been.

Jesus' sole purpose was to come to reveal eternal
life to the world, die, be raised from the dead,
and to take upon His sinless self the sins of the world.

The so-called "New Testament" is God's story of giving His Son.
There are other religious writings but they dim when held up to the Law
(the books given through Moses) and the prophets and the
psalms of the ancient Hebrews - God's chosen people.

*You can be quite confident that sufficient truth
concerning God's Son has been accurately brought to mankind.
Certainly enough to find or reject eternal life. All that remains is for
the Holy Spirit to bring His Word of faith alive in our lives!*

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Authentic FAITH

Read each passage and think through the outline below and answer the question:
“DO I LONG FOR AUTHENTICITY?”

Authenticity: The genuine article. Faithful to the original. Real.

To be authentic it must transcend culture and yet contextualize truth in personal ways.

To be authentic it must transcend circumstance and yet be totally relevant.

To be authentic it must transcend experience and yet stir the passions of the heart.

In what ways do I desire authenticity?

Have I learned to ask these questions with frequency?

If God has spoken - what is He saying?

Am I following what He has spoken?

Will He be pleased with my response?

Where can I find authentic examples of faith and am I solidly familiar with these examples?

From the Law and the Prophets and the Psalms. How familiar am I?

From Jesus' life and words. How familiar am I?

From eyewitnesses who carried the Gospel to the world. How familiar am I?

From some early church fathers (2nd - 4th century). How familiar am I?

From a select part of historical Christianity as well as books about personal faith. How familiar am I?

From current expressions of faith by groups around the world. How familiar am I?

From people we know or hear stories about. How familiar am I?

Are these things true in my spiritual quest for authenticity?

Hold to the purity of the original message (1 Corinthians 15:3-8) Is this me?

Be devoted to the calling of my heart (2 Timothy 2:3-13) Is this me?

Engage in living as a servant (Mark 10:41-45) Is this me?

Live for the promised outcome (1 Corinthians 15:19, 50-58) Is this me?

Follow the anointing (1 John 4) Is this me?

Are these key questions at the core of what is shaping of my world view?

How can I break free from my human nature? (1 Corinthians 10:11-13)

How can I break free from my culture? (John 8:31-36)

How can my heart go where I am unable to take it myself? (John 6:63; John 16:12-15)

AUTHENTICITY.....to find it, you have to want it!.....Read Jeremiah 29:10-14