#### CHURCH WE NOT ME



## Bible-Believing



#### Church

A collection of people called by and for Christ who pursue God's glory together by living missional lives.

"As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

John 20:21C (ESV)



The Bible is the Word of God given to teach us about God and how we should live in His world. It is our final authority for all things. It is the 'roadmap' for all that we are, say, and do. God's voice, speaking through it, must make sense of our past and guide our present and future. Tradition, history, and personal experience are all important, yet it is God alone through Scripture who is definitive.

# Why should we believe that the Bible is the supernatural communication of God?

- 1. Fulfilled prophecy reveals the supernatural character of the Bible.
- 2. The unity of the Bible reveals its supernatural character.
- 3. The Bible itself claims to be the authoritative Word of God.
- 4. Jesus understood the Bible to be God's Word.

<sup>29</sup> But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. <sup>30</sup> For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

Matt 22:29-30 (ESV)

31 And as for the resurrection of the dead, <u>have</u> you not read what was said to you by God: 32 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living." 33 And when the crowd heard it, they were astonished at his teaching. Matt 22:31-33 (ESV)

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5. New Testament writers referred to other New Testament writers as writing Scripture.



14 Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. 15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, 2 Peter 3:14-15 (ESV)

16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

2 Peter 3:14-16 (ESV)

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- 6. What the Bible says about God, Christ, humanity, and salvation is unique among the religions of the world and reveals its supernatural character.
- 7. Change in people's lives reveals its supernatural character.
- 8. The survival of the Bible reveals its supernatural character.

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup>so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.



### How?



Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:20-21 (ESV)

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### So What?

