

TITLE: Inspired or Expired?

TEXT: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

TARGET: The Bible is not just inspiring—it is *inspired*; it is not just relevant—it is *revelation*.

I. INTERNAL EVIDENCE

A. Author's Unity: 40 authors, 66 books, 1,500 years, 3 languages, 3 continents

B. Doctrinal Consistency: Jesus Christ is the center of the storyline

C. Functional Sufficiency: Teaching, Reproof, Correction, Training

D. Fulfilled Prophecy: Historical & Messianic

E. Miraculous Validity: 100's of witnessed & recorded miracles

F. Divine Authority: Inspired by God

Question: When was the last time Scripture offended you, corrected you, or asked you to change something you didn't want to change? How did you respond—submission or resistance?

Question: Do I read the Bible looking for transformation or just confirmation of what I already believe?

Question: If Jesus is the central storyline of Scripture, is He also the central storyline of my life—or just a chapter in it?

II. EXTERNAL EVIDENCE

A. Archaeological

1. **Tel Dan Steele** (900-850 BC): King David

2. **Moabite Stone** (846 BC): King David, King Omri, Yahweh

3. **Carbonized loaves of bread** (7th-8th century AD): *With gratitude to the blessed Jesus*

B. Historical

1. **Dead Sea Scrolls** (250 BC-AD 68)

2. **Aleppo Codex & Leningrad Codex** (AD 1000)

C. Scientific

1. **Astronomy:** Earth is round (Isaiah 40:22)

2. **Geology:** Water Cycle (Ecclesiastes 1:7; Isaiah 55:10)

3. **Biology:** Blood is necessary for life (Leviticus 17:11)

4. **Time, Space & Matter:** (Genesis 1:1)

Question: If history, archaeology, and prophecy all affirm the Bible's truth, what's the real reason people (including me) still don't surrender to it? Is it doubt... or is it control?

Question: What would change in your life if you believed every word of Scripture was *more real* than your emotions, culture, or circumstances?

Question: If my Bible was taken away tomorrow, would my life look any different? Would anything in my soul starve?

III. ETERNAL EVIDENCE

A. God

1. **God is eternal:** (1 Timothy 1:17)
2. **God's Word is eternal:** (Isaiah 40:8)

B. You

1. **New Creation:** (2 Corinthians 5:17)
2. **Spiritual Growth:** (2 Peter 3:18)
3. **Eternal Life:** (Romans 6:23)

Question: If someone followed me for a week without hearing me talk about Jesus—just watching how I live—would they be convinced I believe the Bible is God's Word?

Question: Are you being *informed* by the Bible or *transformed*? What's one area where you've allowed information but not transformation?

Takeaway: The Bible does not simply *inform* you; it *transforms* you.

Challenge for the Week

This week, don't just *read* the Bible—*respond* to it. Choose one area of your life where you have been informed by Scripture but not transformed by it. Write it down. Pray over it. Then take one concrete step of obedience to align your life with God's Word.