

Here's what you need to do:

- Accept that Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins<sup>1</sup>
- Ask Him to forgive you for your sins<sup>2</sup>
- Allow Him to come and live inside of you<sup>3</sup>
- Let Him be the Lord and God of your life<sup>4</sup>
- With His life inside of you, turn away from whatever God and the Bible calls sin<sup>5</sup>

**If you do this sincerely, the Bible will become a brand new book, and you will have a brand new relationship with Jesus Christ.**

**Bible References:** <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 15:3; <sup>2</sup>1 John 1:9; <sup>3</sup>Rev. 3:20; <sup>4</sup>Rom. 10:9-10, Phil. 2:11; <sup>5</sup>Acts 3:19, John 1:12.

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# WAS THE BIBLE WRITTEN BY MEN?



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**T**here is no question that the Bible was written by men. The question is, were these men inspired by God when they wrote the Bible? For example, when you write a letter you don't sign it "Bic" or "Papermate". You sign it with your name. Though the letter came from you, you used another instrument to write it. In the same way, God used human instruments to write the Bible. But let's consider why people believe the Bible is inspired by God.

The Bible was written over a 1,500-year period of time, by some 40 authors. The last author died over 1900 years ago. Since these men lived over the course of 15 centuries and in different parts of the Middle East, there was no way for them to jointly communicate and agree on the basic concepts contained in the Bible. They even wrote portions of the Bible in various languages - Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic. Their occupations were also quite diverse. They were shepherds, rulers, fishermen, doctors, kings, prophets, tax-collectors, and tent-makers. Though they wrote in different languages, at different times, in different locations, often times having no knowledge of what the other had written, their thoughts were completely consistent with each other. The miracle of the

Bible is that its 66 separate books read as one complete work. Though it includes history, science, poetry, drama, biographies, prophecy and philosophy, the overall theme of the Bible is the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Contrary to the misinformed idea that the Bible has many contradictions, it is actually the most cohesive and unified book ever written. Each year more copies of the Bible are printed than any other book, and it is the world's all time "Best Seller". Portions of the Bible have been translated into more than 1200 different languages in every nation of the world. Hundreds of millions of people read it, being totally confident that it is indeed inspired by God.

How about you? Have you really read the Bible, or just skimmed a little portion? Most of the people who say it was written by men usually have heard this expression from someone else. I encourage you to read it for yourself.

Let me offer one thought though before you read the Bible. Not only were the authors of the Bible inspired by God, **but in order to fully appreciate the Bible you too need to be inspired by God.** You can receive the Spirit of God into your life by inviting Him to come and live inside of you. By doing this you will begin a relationship with God that will last forever.