

## Is It Reasonable To “Live By The Book”?

Intro: Tonight, we begin a brief series asking whether it is reasonable for us to confidently trust the Bible. Criticized for being mythology or even the lies of crazy fanatics, we explore why the Bible is reliable and the best selling book of all time.

1. It presumes divine communication – Acts 14:14-18
2. It makes the striking claim that it comes from God.
  - A. “God Breathed”;
  - B. Revealed by a being called the “Holy Spirit” .
  - C. Filled with phrases like “The Lord has spoken”.
3. There are unique attributes of scripture. (Part 1)
  - A. Unity
  - B. Brevity
  - C. Placidity
  - D. Impartiality
4. There are unique attributes of scripture. (Part 2)
  - A. Popularity
  - B. Authorship
  - C. Development
  - D. Longevity
  - E. Content
  - F. Influence
5. It is unique in its relevance
  - A. Quotes from Lincoln, Henry and Newton
  - B. Timeless in Focus
  - C. Timeless advice in relationships
  - D. Timeless insight on social issues

Conclusion: For open-minded ones, there is powerful evidence to draw them to the divine nature of the book we call the Bible. For those of us who already believe, we must continue to have confidence in its value. But we must also know that it will be attacked. That being true, we can also know there are powerful reasons to “stand-up” when it comes under fire.