

*Believing the Bible – Week Three*

# ***How Do We Know the Bible is God's Word?***

## *Selected Scriptures*

**Introduction:** Three factors help us understand how the Bible can be God's word, even though it was written by over forty different human authors.

- 1. *ITS CLAIMS – The Bible repeatedly says that it is God's Word.***
  - A. We have two lines of evidence for this.
  - B. Objection: Isn't this circular reasoning?
  
- 2. *ITS CANONICITY – The Bible historically was regarded as God's Word.***
  - A. What canonicity means.
  - B. Why canonicity was important.
  - C. Certain tests for canonicity were brought forth. *There were three critical ones...*
  - D. The New Testament canon was progressively affirmed from about 303-419.
  
- 3. *ITS CONFIRMATION – The Bible's prophecies reveal it to be God's Word.***
  - A. Key example – The Bible names names before people are born.
  - B. Example of Josiah:
  - C. Example of Cyrus: