

BAC Podcast Notes

Episode 1: “What is the Bible?”

The Bible is the inspired, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God

- “**Bible**” comes from the Greek word *biblos* meaning “book”
- “**Word of God**” can refer to several things:
 - The Son of God (Revelation 19:2, John 1:1)
 - God’s decrees (Genesis 1:3)
 - God’s words of personal address (e.g. God speaking to Adam in the Garden of Eden or the Father speaking to the Son during Jesus’ baptism)
 - God speaking through people (i.e. Prophets, e.g. Jeremiah 1:9)
 - The written Word of God (Deuteronomy 31:24–26)
- The Bible is the written Word of God
 - Why did God preserve his Word in written form?
- More accurately preserved through the generations
- Provides the opportunity for repeated study
- More widely accessible
- **Inspired:** God the Holy Spirit worked in and through the human authors of Scripture so that they wrote exactly what God wanted them to—they wrote the very words of God
- **Inerrant:** The Bible is without error (i.e. fully reliable)
- **Authoritative:** to obey or disobey the Bible is to obey or disobey God himself