



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: LESSON 5

### ATTRIBUTES OF SCRIPTURE

**6 - Majesty of Style** – This points to the Bible's inherent grandeur, exaltedness and wonderful character, which is incomparably above all human writing. The overwhelming quality, wisdom and power of the Bible is heavenly. (Psalm 19:20; 119:161, 162; 139:17, 18)

The Bible contains brilliant examples of great literature in any form: historical narrative, poetry, biography, law, prophecy, wisdom writings, parables, personal letters, mystery, etc. No other book in history has inspired the writing of so many books (theological books, dictionaries, commentaries, sermons, atlases, encyclopedias, devotionals, educational books, hymns, biographies).

**7 - Uniqueness** – It is one of the first books translated (before Christ the whole of the OT was translated into Greek). It was the first book that was printed on the Gutenberg press (in the 1450s).

More copies of the Bible have been printed, copied, translated, distributed than any other book in all of history. The Bible has been and is relevant in every era, event and circumstance throughout world history. It is the most read book in the world; read by people of all ages and backgrounds.

**8 - Survival** – By God's providence and care, copies of the Bible have been preserved until present time like no other document from antiquity. Enemies have tried to burn it, ban it, and forbid it.

Every book, chapter and verse has gone through intense examination, scrutiny and even ridicule. All such enemies and cynics have passed away but the book still lives. As has been well said, "The Church of God is an anvil that has worn out many hammers." (Isaiah 40:8; Mark 13:31)

**9 - The Powerful Effect of the Bible on People's Lives** – The Bible is not only the most copied, translated, printed, distributed and read book in the world, but it also is the most hated book in the world. Why? Because of its absolute, exclusive and discriminating moral character; distinguishing between good and evil, righteousness and sin, light and darkness, life and death. (Leviticus 11:44)

As Dr. Steven J. Lawson writes, "It presents one origin for the universe, one problem of the human race, one way of salvation, one way of holiness, one standard for the family, one plan for human history, one consummation for the age."

No one who comes in contact with the Bible remains neutral or indifferent; either they will bow before its author or reject it. The truth of the Word of God possesses supernatural power. (John 8:32)

Where the Bible is unknown or rejected, a culture of death is present, where human life is worthless, wickedness reigns, and men live in bondage to superstitions and man made religions, and civil liberty is at best limited and suppressed. Where the Bible is known and believed, a culture of life is present, where human life is valuable, wickedness is restricted, education is widespread, institutions are created to care for the sick and elderly, and civil liberty is honored and protected.

The Bible does not repair sinful man or improve his life. The truth of the Word of God penetrates deep into the human heart, cuts to the bone, and works from the inside out. The biblical answer to sinful man's moral problem is a personal, spiritual new birth. It is not the following of a system, but a Person – the Lord Jesus Christ. (Psalm 1:1-4; 19:7, 8; Hebrews 4:12)