



# The Notes

## ***“The Trustworthiness of God’s Word”***

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**In case you haven’t noticed, we are in a post-Christian age in America and around the world.**

**Not only is Christian thought largely rejected or at least minimally ignored, but it is on its way toward hostile and hateful resistance; and in fact, it is already here.**

We should not be surprised, based on what we see in scripture:

*“But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.”*

**2 Tim 3:1-5 (NASB95)**

**And lest you think this is confined to the unbelieving world (where this would be expected), it is not; it has infiltrated the church.**

**DECEPTION is the key theme of the LAST DAYS—and it's happening right before our eyes.**

**Satan is the prince of the power of the air and his supreme goal is to undermine every plan of God. Scripture says he is the Father of Lies:**

*“You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”*

**John 8:44** (NASB95)

So, to avoid deception, we must restore or at least BOLSTER our confidence in God's Word.

### **Point 1**

**The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
FIVE authenticators that help us see the legitimacy of the Bible:**

- 1) Personal \_\_\_\_\_**
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_**
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_**
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_**
- 5) The LIFE of \_\_\_\_\_**

For more information, you can refer to the book entitled, "Evidence that Demands a Verdict," by Josh McDowell and "The Case for Christ," by Lee Strobel. For other evidence on Creation and Faith, see Lee Strobel's, "The Case for Creation" and "The Case for Faith."

## Point 2

The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

*"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."*

**Hebrew 4:12** (NASB95)

*"The law of the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_,  
restoring the soul;  
The testimony of the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_,  
making wise the simple.  
The precepts of the LORD are \_\_\_\_\_,  
rejoicing the heart;  
The commandment of the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_,  
enlightening the eyes.  
The fear of the LORD is \_\_\_\_\_, enduring  
forever;  
The judgments of the LORD are \_\_\_\_\_;  
they are righteous altogether."*

**Psalms 19:7-9** (NASB95)

**So, what about you?**

- 1. Has God been speaking to you today?  
Has he identified something that you  
need to change?**
- 2. Do you now want trust God's Word more  
fully and spend more time in it?**
- 3. If so, what can you do this week to begin  
to realize that in your life?**