

# CHRISTIANITY & LIBERALISM

## WEEK TEN

### CHAPTER IV THE BIBLE

*"God's Special Revelation"*

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The shortest chapter in the book (Just over 10 pages), Machen's chapter is not only easy to read and understand, it is so clear and concise that one commentator calls it "breathtaking." His argument is simple, The Christian faith is introduced to us through the Bible. The Message and the words that inform us are true and without error because God inspired them.

### LIVESTREAMING:WEBSITE

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### QUESTIONS FOR THE CONTENT THIS WEEK:

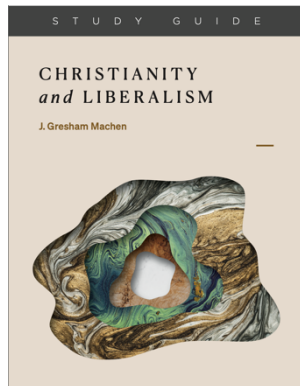
1. The Bible, Machen wrote, is not the only source of knowledge about God. He said, though, that it is unique. Why? If a friend said that he or she knew about God from looking at the stars or Yosemite Valley, what knowledge of God would your friend be lacking?
2. Do you believe that the Bible is without error? Why or why not?
3. Why did Machen call the Bible "the very Magna Charta of Christian liberty"? What kind of liberty does it give people?

Here we go...

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Pastor Mark

## WEEK TEN OUTLINE: “THE BIBLE”



### CHAPTER SYNOPSIS

“The Bible is not the only place where God reveals Himself. It is the only place, though, where He reveals the message of salvation. The Bible tells us what Jesus did and why He did it; it is the foundation of Christianity and its doctrines. Since it is inspired by the Holy Spirit, it contains no errors. It is trustworthy. Liberals often called the Bible into question. They doubted its historical accuracy and denied its inspiration. They appealed instead to their experience or “Christian consciousness.” This means, Machen wrote, that the foundation of liberalism was human emotions.

A Simple Three-Part Outline:

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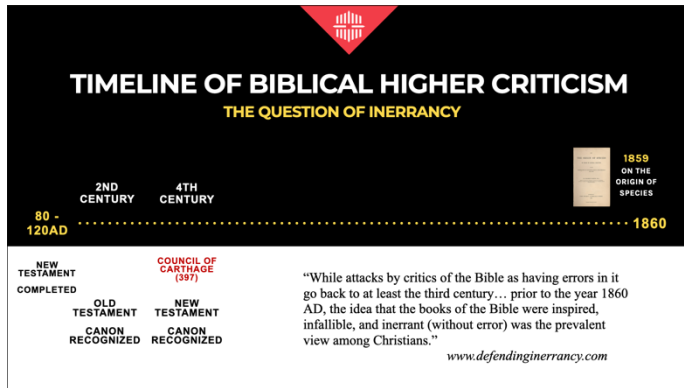
**Chapter Four**  
**THE BIBLE**

*“A Brilliant Simple & Clear three point Outline and Proposition”*

1. **FACT:** The Christian Message Has Come to Us Through The Bible
2. The Modern Liberal Claims to Substitute for the “Authority of The Bible,” “The Authority of Jesus”
3. Liberalism is Different From Christianity Because They Have Different Foundations

Notes

## Part I – The Study of Biblical Inerrancy



It is mindboggling to think that what we know about modern Biblical Higher Criticism really did not start until 1860.

Although the Word of God has always had critics, the critics, for the most part were non-believers.

Darwin's, *On the Origin of Species*, sparked the debate that has never ended.

Special Revelation, or, how we understand God's plan of Redemption comes from the word of God "alone." Without the doctrine of the Inspiration (Plenary and Verbal) Bible. We are left with our own imaginations and unique interpretations.

**Chapter Four**  
**THE BIBLE**  
*Point One:*  
*The Christian Message Has Come to Us Through The Bible*

**Motive** The Bible Alone has given the world revelation that is absolutely "New."  
**Where** "The way was opened, according to the Bible, by an act of God, when, almost nineteen hundred years ago, outside the walls of Jerusalem, the eternal Son was offered as a sacrifice for the sins of men. To that one great event the whole Old Testament looks forward, and in that one event the whole of the New Testament finds its center and core. Salvation then, according to the Bible, is not something that was discovered, but something that happened."  
**What** "Hence appears the uniqueness of the Bible"

**Revealed** **When** **How** **Who** **Why**

**Notes:**

What we believe about the Bible is critical. There are really only three options...



Confess if you have denied or ignored parts of the Bible that you do not like and find too threatening.

Thank God for faithful  
Church that preaches and  
teaches God's Word.

