Solid Ground for a Sure Faith

Peter to Jesus, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"

John 6.68

Sufficiency of Scripture

True - No Falsehood in God or His Word

"God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?"

Numbers 23.19

Jesus said, "Your word is truth."

John 17.17

Timeless - God's Word is Eternal, thus never Outdated

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever." Isaiah 40.8

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." Matthew 24.35

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of... the holy Scriptures" 2 Tim 3.14,15

Complete - All We Need to Know God and Live for Him

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3.16,17

"the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints" Jude 3

"I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book." Revelation 22.18,19

Sinfulness of Mankind

Man Cannot Do Good

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil." Jeremiah 13.23

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good--except God alone." Luke 8.19

"All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags" Isaiah 64.6

Man does not Want God

"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way" Isaiah 53.6

"There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

Romans 3.10-12

Uniqueness of Jesus Christ

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" 1 Timothy 2.5

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty... "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!"

Revelation 1.8,17,18

"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form" Colossians 2.9

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me...Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."

John 14.6.9

Necessity of Salvation

"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life." 1 Timothy 1.15,16

"When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior"

Titus 3.4-7

Completion of Salvation

"He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 1.8

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus,"

Philippians 1.6

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8.38,39

Summary

- 1. Scripture is a full and complete witness to know God.
- 2. Jesus provides the final revelation of God and has accomplished full redemption for all who trust Him.
- 3. God alone can save and keep us, now and forever.
- 4. These truths eliminate the need to seek for ultimate truth or meaning anywhere except through God's Word and in God's Son.

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"Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." John 17.3