

The background features a dark teal color with several water droplets of various sizes scattered across the surface. In the upper center, there is a blurred image of a green cup or bowl. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

THE AUTHORITY OF THE WORD

ACTS 17 & BEREIA



Roman territory at the beginning of the 1st Punic War (264 B.C.)
 Acquired as a result of the 1st Punic War
 Acquired as a result of the 2nd Punic War
 Acquired as a result of the 3rd Punic War



ACTS 17:1-3


1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.



2 And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,



3 explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ."



1 THES 1:6-8

6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

8 For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.



PHIL 1:14

AND MOST OF THE BROTHERS, HAVING BECOME CONFIDENT IN THE LORD BY MY IMPRISONMENT, ARE MUCH MORE BOLD TO SPEAK THE WORD WITHOUT FEAR



PHIL 2:14-16

DO ALL THINGS WITHOUT GRUMBLING OR DISPUTING, THAT YOU MAY BE BLAMELESS AND INNOCENT, CHILDREN OF GOD WITHOUT BLEMISH IN THE MIDST OF A CROOKED AND TWISTED GENERATION, AMONG WHOM YOU SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD, HOLDING FAST TO THE WORD OF LIFE, SO THAT IN THE DAY OF CHRIST I MAY BE PROUD THAT I DID NOT RUN IN VAIN OR LABOR IN VAIN.



ACTS 5:19-20

BUT DURING THE NIGHT AN ANGEL OF THE LORD OPENED THE PRISON DOORS AND BROUGHT THEM OUT, AND SAID, “GO AND STAND IN THE TEMPLE AND SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LIFE.”



JOHN 6:63, 68
JOHN 17:3

**IT IS THE SPIRIT WHO GIVES LIFE; THE FLESH IS NO HELP AT ALL.
THE WORDS THAT I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE.**

**SIMON PETER ANSWERED HIM, “LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?
YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE**

**AND THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE, THAT THEY KNOW YOU, THE ONLY
TRUE GOD, AND JESUS CHRIST WHOM YOU HAVE SENT.**



JOHN 17:6-8

“I HAVE MANIFESTED YOUR NAME TO THE PEOPLE WHOM YOU GAVE ME OUT OF THE WORLD. YOURS THEY WERE, AND YOU GAVE THEM TO ME, AND THEY HAVE KEPT YOUR WORD. NOW THEY KNOW THAT EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME IS FROM YOU. FOR I HAVE GIVEN THEM THE WORDS THAT YOU GAVE ME, AND THEY HAVE RECEIVED THEM AND HAVE COME TO KNOW IN TRUTH THAT I CAME FROM YOU; AND THEY HAVE BELIEVED THAT YOU SENT ME.



**JOHN 17:14,
17-19**

I HAVE GIVEN THEM YOUR WORD, AND THE WORLD HAS HATED THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT OF THE WORLD, JUST AS I AM NOT OF THE WORLD.

SANCTIFY THEM IN THE TRUTH; YOUR WORD IS TRUTH. AS YOU SENT ME INTO THE WORLD, SO I HAVE SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD. AND FOR THEIR SAKE I CONSECRATE MYSELF, THAT THEY ALSO MAY BE SANCTIFIED IN TRUTH.



PS 119:9, 142,
151

HOW CAN A YOUNG MAN KEEP HIS WAY PURE? BY GUARDING IT
ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.

YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS RIGHTEOUS FOREVER, AND YOUR LAW
IS TRUE.

BUT YOU ARE NEAR, O LORD, AND ALL YOUR COMMANDMENTS
ARE TRUE.



ACTS 17:10-12

THE BROTHERS IMMEDIATELY SENT PAUL AND SILAS AWAY BY NIGHT TO BEREA, AND WHEN THEY ARRIVED THEY WENT INTO THE JEWISH SYNAGOGUE. NOW THESE JEWS WERE MORE NOBLE THAN THOSE IN THESSALONICA; THEY RECEIVED THE WORD WITH ALL EAGERNESS, EXAMINING THE SCRIPTURES DAILY TO SEE IF THESE THINGS WERE SO. MANY OF THEM THEREFORE BELIEVED, WITH NOT A FEW GREEK WOMEN OF HIGH STANDING AS WELL AS MEN.



ACTS 17:13-15

BUT WHEN THE JEWS FROM THESSALONICA LEARNED THAT THE WORD OF GOD WAS PROCLAIMED BY PAUL AT BEREIA ALSO, THEY CAME THERE TOO, AGITATING AND STIRRING UP THE CROWDS. THEN THE BROTHERS IMMEDIATELY SENT PAUL OFF ON HIS WAY TO THE SEA, BUT SILAS AND TIMOTHY REMAINED THERE. THOSE WHO CONDUCTED PAUL BROUGHT HIM AS FAR AS ATHENS, AND AFTER RECEIVING A COMMAND FOR SILAS AND TIMOTHY TO COME TO HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THEY DEPARTED.



JOHN 1:1-5

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD. HE WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD. ALL THINGS WERE MADE THROUGH HIM, AND WITHOUT HIM WAS NOT ANY THING MADE THAT WAS MADE. IN HIM WAS LIFE, AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN. THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT.



JOHN 1:6-10

THERE WAS A MAN SENT FROM GOD, WHOSE NAME WAS JOHN. HE CAME AS A WITNESS, TO BEAR WITNESS ABOUT THE LIGHT, THAT ALL MIGHT BELIEVE THROUGH HIM. HE WAS NOT THE LIGHT, BUT CAME TO BEAR WITNESS ABOUT THE LIGHT. THE TRUE LIGHT, WHICH GIVES LIGHT TO EVERYONE, WAS COMING INTO THE WORLD. 10 HE WAS IN THE WORLD, AND THE WORLD WAS MADE THROUGH HIM, YET THE WORLD DID NOT KNOW HIM.



JOHN 1:11-14

HE CAME TO HIS OWN, AND HIS OWN PEOPLE DID NOT RECEIVE HIM. BUT TO ALL WHO DID RECEIVE HIM, WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME, HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD, WHO WERE BORN, NOT OF BLOOD NOR OF THE WILL OF THE FLESH NOR OF THE WILL OF MAN, BUT OF GOD. AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US, AND WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY, GLORY AS OF THE ONLY SON FROM THE FATHER, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.



JOHN 1:15-18

(JOHN BORE WITNESS ABOUT HIM, AND CRIED OUT, “THIS WAS HE OF WHOM I SAID, ‘HE WHO COMES AFTER ME RANKS BEFORE ME, BECAUSE HE WAS BEFORE ME.’ ”) FOR FROM HIS FULLNESS WE HAVE ALL RECEIVED, GRACE UPON GRACE. FOR THE LAW WAS GIVEN THROUGH MOSES; GRACE AND TRUTH CAME THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN GOD; THE ONLY GOD, WHO IS AT THE FATHER’S SIDE, HE HAS MADE HIM KNOWN.



1 JOHN 1:1-3

THAT WHICH WAS FROM THE BEGINNING, WHICH WE HAVE HEARD, WHICH WE HAVE SEEN WITH OUR EYES, WHICH WE LOOKED UPON AND HAVE TOUCHED WITH OUR HANDS, CONCERNING THE WORD OF LIFE— THE LIFE WAS MADE MANIFEST, AND WE HAVE SEEN IT, AND TESTIFY TO IT AND PROCLAIM TO YOU THE ETERNAL LIFE, WHICH WAS WITH THE FATHER AND WAS MADE MANIFEST TO US— THAT WHICH WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD WE PROCLAIM ALSO TO YOU, SO THAT YOU TOO MAY HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH US; AND INDEED OUR FELLOWSHIP IS WITH THE FATHER AND WITH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.



HEB 1:1-4

LONG AGO, AT MANY TIMES AND IN MANY WAYS, GOD SPOKE TO OUR FATHERS BY THE PROPHETS, BUT IN THESE LAST DAYS HE HAS SPOKEN TO US BY HIS SON, WHOM HE APPOINTED THE HEIR OF ALL THINGS, THROUGH WHOM ALSO HE CREATED THE WORLD. HE IS THE RADIANCE OF THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE EXACT IMPRINT OF HIS NATURE, AND HE UPHOLDS THE UNIVERSE BY THE WORD OF HIS POWER. AFTER MAKING PURIFICATION FOR SINS, HE SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE MAJESTY ON HIGH, HAVING BECOME AS MUCH SUPERIOR TO ANGELS AS THE NAME HE HAS INHERITED IS MORE EXCELLENT THAN THEIRS.



CAN I TRUST THE BIBLE? - RC SPROUL

THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT IT IS THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD. BECAUSE THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD AND BECAUSE THE GOD OF THE BIBLE IS TRUTH AND SPEAKS TRUTHFULLY, THE BIBLE'S AUTHORITY IS LINKED TO INERRANCY. IF THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD AND IF GOD IS A GOD OF TRUTH, THEN THE BIBLE MUST BE INERRANT—NOT MERELY IN SOME OF ITS PARTS, AS SOME MODERN THEOLOGIANs ARE SAYING, BUT TOTALLY, AS THE CHURCH FOR THE MOST PART HAS SAID DOWN THROUGH THE AGES OF ITS HISTORY.

