

Internal and External Evidences of the Bible  
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I consider it a real privilege to speak to you this afternoon on the subject that has been assigned to me: Internal and External Evidences of the Word of God. I can think of no more important subject to present before an international gathering of Christians.

Sometimes Fundamentalists are accused of worshipping the Bible. Such a charge is utterly false. We worship God and Him alone. Yet we stand on the basis which has been characteristic of Christianity from its very beginning, that the Bible, in its entirety, is God's Word. If a man truly believes in God he must of necessity be interested in learning God's Will. That way is through careful study, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, of the Book that God has given.

This is the very foundation of our religion. Every Christian doctrine, every Christian viewpoint, every Christian action must be tested by the Word of God. If it is in line with the Word of God, it is right. If it is contrary to the Word of God, it is wrong.

Anyone who doubts that this is central to Christianity should ~~read~~ <sup>read</sup> the fundamental documents of early Christianity and see

what attitude they take. ~~At many points various~~ <sup>These early writers</sup> ~~Early Christian writers~~ <sup>often spoke in such a way as to indicate</sup> ~~writers make clear~~ <sup>words</sup> their attitude on this matter. A typical example is found in the ~~statement~~ <sup>statement</sup> of the Apostle Paul in II Timothy 3:16-17: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

Paul had no doubt ~~as to the truth of God's Word.~~ <sup>about the Bible. He maintains</sup> ~~all of it~~ <sup>all of it</sup>  
If this passage alone would prove that