

What We Know: 2 Cor 5:1; 2 Tim1:9-12; 1 Jn 2:21; 3:2; 4:11-13; 5:11-13; Is the Bible the Lone Source of Truth?  
The Answer Is up to You; Things to Consider

**2 Corinthians 5:1** - For we know that if the earthly tent [ human body ] which is our house is torn down [ physical death ], we have a building from God [ resurrection body ] a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

**2 Timothy 1:9** - God has saved us [ deliverance from the lake of fire ] having called us [ election ] into a holy station in life [ royal family ], not according to our works [ human good ], but according to His own plan [ development of a heavenly community ] and grace [ the grace pipeline ] which grace was granted in Christ Jesus from all eternity.

**v. 10** - But at the present time, grace has been revealed through the appearance [ the Incarnation ] of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death [ καταργέω, *katargeō*: to destroy, do away with, put an end to: spiritual death which separates us from fellowship with God ] and brought to light [ φωτίζω, *phōtizō*: to bring to light; to make known ] life [ eternal ] and incorruptibility [ ἀφθαρσία, *aphtharsia*: the resurrection body is immune to corruption ], by means of the gospel [ δία, *día* plus the ablative of means of εὐαγγέλιον, *euangelion*: eternal life and resurrection body are the dividends of salvation ],

**v. 11** - for which purpose I was appointed a preacher being an apostle and a teacher.

**v. 12** - For this reason I am caused to suffer these things, but I am not ashamed for I know in Whom I have believed [ the intensive perfect of πιστεύω, *pisteuō*: the tense of the “finished product”; once a person believes in Christ he is saved forever and possesses eternal life ] and I have confident assurance that He keeps on being able to guard my deposit [ of salvation and eternal life ] against that day [ the judgment seat of Christ ].

**1 John 2:21** - I have not written to you because you do not know the truth [ Bible doctrine ], but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth [ ἀλήθεια, *alētheia* ].

**1 John 3:2** - Beloved, we are now students of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be. We have come to know however that if He should appear [ ἐάν, *ean* plus the aorist subjunctive of φανερώω, *phoneroō*: the construct for a third-class condition: maybe Christ will or maybe He will not return in our lifetime ], we will be like Him, because we will see [ ὁράω, *horaō*: to see and perceive: experiential understanding of doctrine previously learned ] Him just as He is [ in resurrection body ].

**1 John 4:11** - Beloved, if God so loved us, we have become obligated to keep loving each other.

**v. 12** - No one has ever seen God the Father; but if we love each other [ ἐάν, *ean* plus the present subjunctive of ἀγαπάω, *agapaō*: third-class condition: maybe we have unconditional love for fellow believers, or maybe we don't ], God resides in us and His love is perfected in us.

**v. 13** - By this we know [ γινώσκω, *ginōskō*: to know by means of Bible study ] that we are residing in Him and He resides in us, because He has given us His Holy Spirit.

**1 John 5:11** - This is the deposition [ μαρτυρία, *marturia*: this refers to a witness in a courtroom under oath, it presents God making a testimony regarding eternal life and how one attains it ], that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

v. 12 - He who has the Son has eternal life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have eternal life.

v. 13 - I have written all of you these things who believe [ πιστεύω, *pisteuō*: **faith alone in Christ alone** ] in the person of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life [ ὅτι ζωὴν ἔχετε αἰώνιον, *hoti zōēn echete aiōnion*: “you have eternal life.” ].

40. We have moved through these passages to demonstrate what you come to know through Bible study. What is learned is said to be true in 1 John 2:21, it is said to be the courtroom testimony of God in 1 John 5:11.
41. Therefore, this brief response to the question, “How do we know what we are learning is right and true?” leaves the answer up to you. It depends on your acceptance the Bible as a reliable source of truth.
42. In conclusion I ask you to consider a few things. Your parents require you to attend church with them. You may or may not wish to do so. But while here you may as well pass the time by paying close attention to what is going on. If nothing else you will acquire classroom discipline: to sit still and mind your manners for an hour at the time. Some who make the attempt to listen will eventually develop study skills that will assist you not only in you academics but also later in life. Those who seek to understand may discover that what the Bible says *is* true and by learning and applying its principles find it changes their lives forever. And finally, if you become advancing believers and seek out a right person that is also positive to the Word then you may help deliver this client nation during the next generation. The current generation is in demise, being captured and controlled by the corruption of our society. Mainline churches are loosing attendance for good reason: there is nothing of importance going on inside. Progressive churches are doing quite well for a reason: they provide, free of charge, what one would have to pay for at the Fox Theatre, Powell Hall, Riverport, or Pin-Up Bowl but no doctrinal instruction about the Christian way of life. The sad fact is that interest in the Word of God is declining and there must be some to rekindle interest in its truth, its power, and its eternal promise or great tragedy will ultimately befall this nation and its people.

Young men need to take a stand for truth and the way to do this is to learn what truth is: the guidance and leadership found in the Bible, for there is no other way for young men to become good husbands, good fathers, good providers, and good citizens. If this is not done by those young men and young women who attend this church then who will pick up the colors in your stead?

There is no other. The challenge is yours. I urge you to take it seriously. There’s no charge, no test—at least from me—and no Clipboard Committee. Which way will you choose? You’ve got everything to gain, you’ve got everything to loose.