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### Christian Beliefs

The doctrine of inspiration is the primary pillar defining the authority and relevance of the Bible and Christianity (Luebbehusen, 2021; Psalm 119:105). Inspiration is considered the supernatural influence that the Holy Spirit had over the author chosen by God; this means every <sup>1</sup> scripture is inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16). With such an authority, the Bible becomes the most crucial guidance script for faith, morality, and understanding God. God's inspiration to the authors also influences the Christian's relationship with God as they consider the Bible as the word of God, a direct communication and connection. Inspiration is also integral to interpreting the Bible and applying the values and teachings in truth, trust, and faith (Wibowo et al., 2022). Such an inspiration centers around the Holy Spirit that aids preachers in interpreting the Bible accurately and inspiring others into Christianity (Hebrews 4:12). While <sup>2</sup> the Bible is the Word of God, the texts and words are just texts unless correctly interpreted by someone inspired by the Holy Spirit (Kennedy, 2022). Therefore, inspiration is the primary element for understanding and trusting the Bible as God's word for Christians.

Furthermore, the doctrine of God also influences Christianity and justifies values and beliefs. Understanding God's nature is the genesis of trust and faith in divine power, which motivates Christians to obey and follow the Bible (Tozer, 2022). The belief in God's purity and holiness is the foundation of Christians' pursuit of repentance, morality, and desire to inherit the kingdom of God (Isaiah 6:3; 1 Peter 1:15-16). The doctrine of God as omnipresent and knowing every human influence Christians' worship and prayer patterns (Thompson, 2022; 1 Cor. 2:11). This fosters the sense of humility, reverence, and awe in prayer for a divine being aware of all inequities, needs, and souls. God's attributes as sovereign guide Christians' faith, trust, and hope toward the kingdom of one supreme being without other Godly options. As a result, Christians

have conviction and perseverance toward one God and reliance on Him during challenging times. These beliefs also inform the Christian's ministry about God, and ministers further the same agenda inspired by God through the Bible.

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- 1 Cor. 2:11
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- Isaiah 6:3; 1 Peter 1:15-16
- Psalm 119:105



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