Green Book UC1 Challenge 1

How do we know the Bible is true?

The Bible is God's Word

Jeremiah 10:10a - But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God.

John 17:17b - Your word is truth

Psalm 119:42b - I trust in Your word.

God says His Word is pure.

Proverbs 30:5-6 – Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you and you be found a liar.

People witnessed the events of the Bible.

2 Peter 1:16 – For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

The Bible is historically correct.

- **1 John 1:1** That which was from the beginning [Christ], which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life.
- **1 John 1:2** The life was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us.

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How Do We Know the Bible is True?

God used at least 40 men to write the Bible – and yet it all fits together.

- Luke 1:1-2 Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us.

 Just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us.
- **Luke 1:4** That you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.

The Bible was written over a time period of 1500 years and yet it all fits together.

- 2 Peter 1:21 For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.
- Romans 16:26 but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith

Events that were prophesied really happened.

- Deuteronomy 18:22 When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.
- Jeremiah 28:9 As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, the prophet will be known as one whom the LORD has truly sent.

The Bible changes people's lives.

Acts 16:29-31 - Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Green Book UC1 Challenge 3

What do I need to know about God?

God offers me the ultimate gift

- **Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- **Ephesians 2:10 -** For we are *His workmanship*, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

God wants me to honor Him.

Exodus 20:3-4 – You shall have no other gods before Me.

You shall not make for yourself a carved image –

any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.

- **Exodus 20:5a** You shall not bow down to them nor serve them.
- **Exodus 20:7a, 8** You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

God wants me to honor my family and neighbors.

- Exodus 20:12-15 Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal.
- Exodus 20:16-17 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
 You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.

God is merciful.

- **Titus 3:5** Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.
- Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
- Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

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What do I need to know about God?

God is faithful.

- **1 Corinthians 1:9** God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

God loves the world.

John 5:24 – Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

God is my authority.

- Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."
- Philippians 2:9-10 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name.

 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth and of those under the earth.

God cares about me.

- Luke 12:6-7 Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins?

 And not one of them is forgotten before God.

 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

 Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.
- **1 Peter 5:7** Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.
- Hebrews 13:5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

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What do I need to know about the Lord Jesus Christ?

Christ became a man so He could do what God had planned

- **Matthew 1:21** And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.
- Philippians 2:7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, I am loved

- **Romans 5:8** But God demonstrated His own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, I can have salvation

- Romans 4:5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness.
- Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, I am forgiven

- **Ephesians 1:7** In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.
- **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **Hebrews 9:22** And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

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What do I need to know about the Lord Jesus Christ?

Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, I am justified

- **Titus 3:7** That having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
- Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.
- Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

I have been redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ

- 1 Peter 1:18-19 Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers.

 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.
- Galatians 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),

I have peace through the Lord Jesus Christ

- Colossians 1:20 And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.
- **Philippians 4:7** And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- **Colossians 3:15** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

The Lord Jesus Christ is my example

- **1 Peter 2:21** For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.
- **Philippians 2:5** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

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What do I need to know about the Holy Spirit?

I am baptized by the Holy Spirit

- Colossians 2:12 Buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.
- **1 Corinthians 12:13a** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free

I need to know what it means to be filled with the Spirit

- **Galatians 5:16** I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.
- 1 Peter 2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby

The Holy Spirit helps me pray

- Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses.

 For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
- **1 John 5:14** Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything **according to His will**, He hears us.

I am sealed by the Holy Spirit

- **Ephesians 4:30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
- **Ephesians 1:13** In Him you also *trusted,* after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise

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What do I need to know about the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the guarantee of my salvation

- **Ephesians 1:14** Who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His Glory.
- **2 Corinthians 5:5** Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

The fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace

Galatians 5:22-23 – But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, . longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness. gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

The fruit of the Spirit: longsuffering, kindness, goodness

- Ephesians 4:1-3 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called. With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- **Ephesians 5:9** for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth,

The fruit of the Spirit: faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

- 2 Peter 1:5-7 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge.
 To knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness. To godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.
- 2 Peter 1:8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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