

What do the Scriptures say about themselves?

Scripture is the Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit who does not lie. It is therefore without error, and will all be fulfilled.	1 Thess 2:13	"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe."
	2 Tim 3:16	"All scripture is God breathed" [or "God Spirited"]
	2 Pet 1:16,19-21	"We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty ... And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."
	Psalms 12:6	"the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times."
	Num 23:19	"God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?"
	Heb 6:18	"it is impossible for God to lie"
	John 10:35	"Scripture cannot be broken"
	Matt 5:17-19	"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."
	Luke 21:33	"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."
Should be listened to rather than human reason.	1 Cor 1:18-25	"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength."
	2 Cor 10:5	"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."
Should be listened to rather than human traditions	Matt 15:1-9	Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!" Jesus

		replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.' But you say that if a man says to his father or mother, 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is a gift devoted to God,' he is not to 'honor his father' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'"
	Col 2:8	"See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition ... and not according to Christ"
Is the foundation for the church	Eph 2:19-21	"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone."
Is the foundation for our lives.	Matt 7:24-27	"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."
Brings the Spirit and his power to us	Gal 3:2	"I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard?"
	Eph 6:17	"Take ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."
	2 Tim 3:16	"All Scripture is God-breathed" [or "God Spirited"]
	1 Cor 1:18	"For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."
Brings us faith and makes us members of God's family	2 Tim 3:15	"from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."
	John 8:31	To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
	John 20:31	"these things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."
	John 17:20	"I pray ... for those who will believe in me through their message."
	Luke 8:21	He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."
	Rom 10:17	"faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."
Is able to save us	Rom 1:16	"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes"
	James 1:21	"Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."
Brings us new birth	1 Peter 1:23	"you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;"
Brings the Father and Son to us	John 14:23	Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."
Brings eternal life	John 6:68	Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."
Feeds us	Matt 4:4	Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone,

		but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”
	Psalm 1	<p>¹ Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.</p> <p>² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.</p> <p>³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.</p> <p>⁴ Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.</p> <p>⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.</p> <p>⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.</p>
Brings blessing	Luke 11:27-28	As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, “Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.” He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it.”
Brings freedom	John 8:31	To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
	James 1:25	“the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.”
Brings healing	2 Tim 1:13	“What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound [literally ‘healthy’] teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus.”
Makes us holy	John 17:17	“Sanctify them [make them holy] by the truth; your word is truth.”
Makes us fruitful	Luke 8:15	“the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.”
Brings refreshment, enlightenment, joy, and wisdom.	Psalm 19:7-11	<p>The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.</p> <p>The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.</p> <p>The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.</p> <p>The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.</p> <p>The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.</p> <p>The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.</p> <p>They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.</p> <p>By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.</p>
Gives us guidance	Psalm 119:105	“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”
Corrects us and trains us	2 Tim 3:16	“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”