

# How we got our Bible | Lesson #2 | January 2014

## What does the Bible claim?

More than 2,000 times in the Old Testament alone, the Bible asserts that God spoke what was written. The Bible makes the claim that it is the word of God. The actual phrase "Word of God" is used more than 40 times in the New Testament.

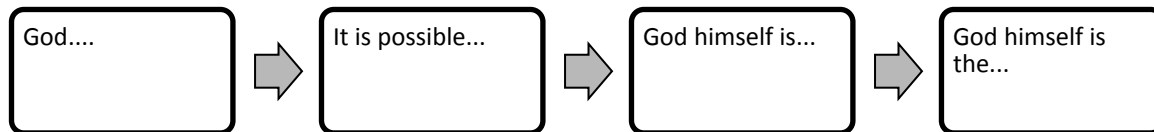
## How did we get it?

How did God's truth get from his mind to us? How did it get from "up there" to "right here" in our hands as we hold the Bible? How did thoughts leave the mind of God and enter the minds of writers? This process is known as \_\_\_\_\_. Is it possible to know that there is a God apart from Him giving us his word? Are there other mediums by which God has made himself known?

## Revelation

Revelation can be defined as: \_\_\_\_\_.

This definition contains four premises:



## Means of Revelation

**General Revelation** - ways by which God reveals himself \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. It is not enough to save you, but if you reject it, it will condemn you.

**Special Revelation** - ways by which God has revealed himself at \_\_\_\_\_ to certain \_\_\_\_\_. God knows that since the fall, our minds are so skewed that we not only miss, but suppress the point of God's general revelation. The devil is also at work blinding the eyes of mankind so that they will miss the message of God. So God in his grace, sent mankind special revelation.

General Revelation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• _____ the world and all that is in it.</li><li>• _____ that which registers right and wrong within a person.</li><li>• _____ God at work in the course of history.</li></ul>

Special Revelation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• _____ when God stepped into the natural order of creation and intervened.</li><li>• _____ when God spoke through words</li><li>• _____ when God took on flesh</li></ul>