

Faith statements. Statement 4

The Bible is a collection of books written by men. We recognise that the Bible is a document of searching, not a document of primary dogma and demand.

The authors of the Bible shared
The wisdom of their time;
They sought to paint some pictures of
What was for them sublime.

Communities of Hebrew scribes
And of the early church
Are those we honour for their words;
Their willingness to search.

This book of searching can inspire
More searching to be done;
With challenge of new gospel truths
New insights can be won.

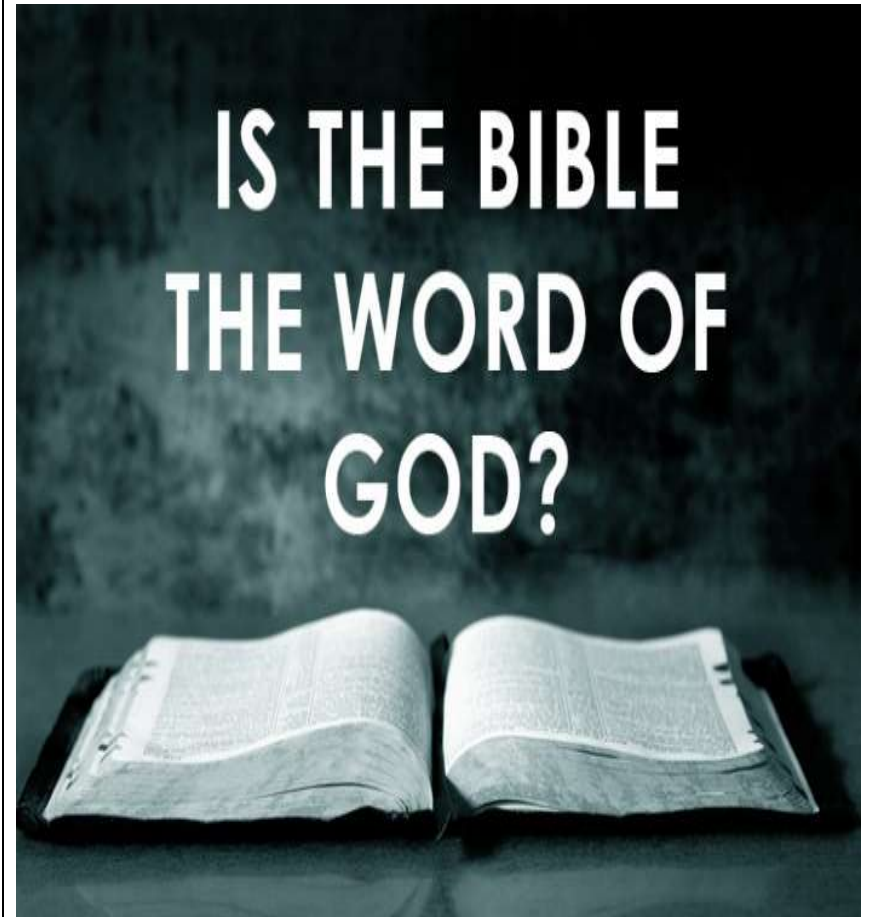
We should not look for dogma here;
Not paramount demand;
The Bible can advance our search
And help our faith expand.

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Notices

Progressive Christianity Service 19th March, 2025



Presenter: Peter Whiting

Order for worship

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgement of diversity

We light the candle

Your word is a lamp to guide me
and a light for my path.
(Psalm 119:105, Good News)



Our call to worship

All scripture is inspired by God
and is useful for
teaching the truth,
rebuking error,
correcting faults,
and giving instructions
for right living.
(2 Timothy 3:16. Good News)

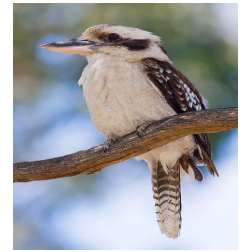
We sing

Movement forward in the Bible
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Opening prayer

based on thoughts
from Laughing Bird —
Liturgical Resources
with an Australian voice,
found at

[LaughingBird – Liturgical Resources with an Australian Voice](#)



To think about

The Bible is ...

We sing

The Bible

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Presentation and discussion

Is the Bible the Word of God?
(incorporating the Bible reading)

Peter Whiting

Prayers of intercession

We sing

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Benediction