

Essential Biblical Doctrines

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“The God Breathed Word”

Part 1

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The Bible was not given to increase our knowledge but to change our lives. — D. L. MOODY

Other books were given for our information; the Bible was given for our transformation. — UNKNOWN

Verses to remember

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16 - 17

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“But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”

2 Peter 1:20 - 21

Article of Faith #1

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

What do we mean by “God-Breathed”?

- Θεόπνευστος (theopneustos)
- Theo = God
- Pneuma = Spirit/breath/wind
- produced by the Spirit of God; understood as the air that was physically expelled out of the lungs of God.

We need to know where all this doctrine comes from!

- We rely on the Bible as our principle source of information
 - *about God*
 - *about the way he works*
- We rely on the Bible as the ultimate source of information
 - *about truth*
- Why?

The Bible is an amazing Book!

The Bible:

- *was written in two Languages: Hebrew & Greek.*
- *contains a library of 66 books.*
- *was written by over 40 different authors.*
- *was written over a period of about 1600 years from 3600 to 2000 years ago.*
- *has survived unscathed and unchanged.*

The Bible is inspired, inerrant, infallible, and authoritative!

- We believe in Verbal Plenary Inspiration.

2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16

- What does this mean?

- *Every word is inspired by God.*

- *What about the words of Satan?*

- *Were the Bible writers like robots?*

- It's for our good
(it's breathed in our direction!)

How can we be sure it's inspired?

● *Jesus' Testimony. Matthew 4:1-10; John 8:55*

● *Apostles' Testimony. 1 John 2:5; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13*

● *Unity of Message. e.g. Romans 4:1-3*

● *Circulation.*

● *Timelessness.*

● *Preservation.*

● *Fulfillment of Prophecy.*

● *Changed Lives.*

We're confident about the quality of transmission

1 • Written by Isaiah, c 700 BC

2 • Essenes copied onto 'Dead Sea Scrolls', c 100 BC

3 • Masorite version (many copy cycles from original), c 1000 AD

4 • Today's versions, 2015 AD

● e.g. Book of Isaiah

● Little change in all we can track

The Bible is inspired, inerrant, infallible, and authoritative!

- So we believe the Bible is
- without any error.
- infallible.
- authoritative (will the Bible answer every question?). *2 Timothy 3:16.*
- truth (it doesn't just say things that are true – it defines truth).

The Bible is clear (!), necessary & sufficient!

- We also believe the Bible is
- clear (to the spiritual person) Psalm 19:7;
1 Corinthians 2:14
- necessary for salvation & Christian living
Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 3:15
- sufficient for salvation & Christian living.
2 Timothy 3:16-17

Memory Verse

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