



## THEOLOGY QUESTIONS 1-24 – Dr. Thibault

### Preliminary

#### Attitude

- Many of the most important things in life are hard to do.
- This is the most exciting and useful use of your mind and time in all the world.  
KNOWING GOD!
- Have FUN within the process!

#### Testimony

- Our journey in following the Lord's call.
- Our journey with this exam!

#### Specifics

- As we work through this together, interaction is great. I'll also give a time for any questions at the end of each question.
- We have 15 minutes per question.
- Not looking for seminary answers. From a lay person to a lay person.
- Not looking for quotes and references. Reference Scripture and small quotes, but not large ones.
- With each question, ask yourself, "why are they asking me this question?"

**1. Describe the inspiration, inerrancy, and authority of Scripture as well as the relationship of each one of these issues to one another?**

A. Definition

**Inspiration** – the belief that Scripture is God-breathed, meaning it is produced by the will of God through men.

**Inerrancy** – the belief that Scripture is without error in its original copies in both the whole and the part.

**Authority** – As the Word of God written from God to man, the belief that Scripture is the highest authority by which man must live.

\*Relationship to one another: (a) since Scripture is from God to man, (b) since Scripture is without error, (c) it is therefore authoritative.

B. Key Verses

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| ⇒ 2 Timothy 3:16      | ⇒ Matthew 7:24-27    |
| ⇒ Matthew 5:18        | ⇒ Psalms 1           |
| ⇒ 2 Peter 1:17–21     | ⇒ John 13:17         |
| ⇒ Psalm 19            | ⇒ Revelation 2, 3    |
| ⇒ Matthew 5:17, 18    | ⇒ Philippians 2:10   |
| ⇒ John 17:17          | ⇒ Jude 25            |
| ⇒ Proverbs 30:5       | ⇒ John 5:23          |
| ⇒ 1 Corinthians 2:13  | ⇒ 1 Corinthians 2:14 |
| ⇒ Revelation 22:18,19 |                      |

C. Key Concepts

The words of Scripture are authoritative because of the one speaking them. God is Creator, Sustainer, and Judge; therefore, His word is the ultimate binding authority.

Jesus holds the same authority. John 5:23, Phil 2:10

#### D. Implications

**For the counselor:** we must believe this in our heart of hearts. Where are we guilty of treason? Where are we guilty of apathy and neglect?

**For the counselee:** no matter the problem, implementing a deep-rooted belief in these core doctrines of bibliology will be a key part of the long-term solution for their soul.

**2. Describe the sufficiency of Scripture. Relate the doctrine of the sufficiency of Scripture to the practice of biblical counseling. Research and respond to the arguments of at least one integrationist or Christian Psychologist regarding the insufficiency of Scripture for counseling.**

A. Definition:

The sufficiency of Scripture is the belief that Scripture is sufficient to address man in all matters of life and godliness.

B. Key Verses

⇒ 2 Timothy 3:16, 17

⇒ 2 Peter 1:3

⇒ Psalm 19

⇒ Luke 16:19–31

C. Key Concepts

⇒ Not sufficient for everything. But sufficient for things pertaining to knowing God and pleasing God. To life and godliness.

⇒ Doesn't need to be exhaustive to be sufficient.

⇒ This may be the single greatest watershed of all doctrine. It will tell if a person is truly a man or woman of the book or not.

⇒ Your sanctification is utterly dependent on belief & practice of this doctrine.

○ Acts 17:11 noble Bereans

⇒ Potential research: CBT, Christian psychology, integrationism, Freudism, "Christian Counseling: A Comprehensive Guide," Gary Collins; "Modern Psychotherapies: A Comprehensive..." David Powlison

⇒ David Powlinson's critique of Robert Schuller

## D. Implications

⇒ Where do you turn in crisis?

⇒ What does sufficiency combat? What wars do you start ...?

- God said to me...Someone prophesied over me...
- I need the Bible and psychology...I need the Bible and self-help methods...
- The Bible's view of man vs Freud's

⇒ For a counselee – how long do you want to be in counseling with them?

⇒ Doesn't mean that we ignore medical issues...doesn't mean we slap a verse on every problem. There must be genuine love, skilled listening, and careful application.

**3. Describe your position on the nature of continuing revelation (i.e., prophecy, tongues, words of knowledge). In particular, explain whether you believe prophecy is a present gift in today's church. Explain the relationship between your understanding of the gift of prophecy and the sufficiency of scripture.**

**A. Definition**

Spectrum of cessationism vs. continuationism

Practical vs convictional

**Prophecy** – speaking forth the word of God. May be foretelling or forthtelling.

⇒ foretelling (new, future) vs forthtelling (teaching, reiterating)

- foretelling was 100% accurate, 100% of the time

**B. Key Verses**

⇒ Ephesians 2:20

⇒ 2 Peter 1:3

⇒ Hebrews 1:1, 2

⇒ Revelation 22:18

⇒ 2 Corinthians 12:12

⇒ 2 Peter 1:16–21

**C. Key Concepts**

⇒ Two types of prophecy: (1) for the first time, (2) proclaiming what's been revealed

**D. Implications**

⇒ Why is this important for the counselor?

- Counseling methodology

⇒ Why is it important for the counselee?

- Shepherding a counselee's subjective experience to concrete truth

**4. Define general revelation and special revelation and describe the nature of their authority as well as their relationship to one another.**

A. Definition

⇒ General revelation: God's revelation of Himself to all mankind.

⇒ Special revelation: God's revelation to specific groups of people.

\*general vs special in reference to the audience

B. Key Verses

⇒ Psalms 19

⇒ Romans 1:18–20

⇒ Acts 10

C. Key Concepts

⇒ Types of General: (1) creation, (2) conscience

⇒ Types of Special: (1) direct acts, (2) dreams/visions, (3) Christ, (4) Scripture

⇒ General depends on special

- Special can only take you so far
- General shows the superior affect of special, although each have equal authority
- Special guides the power of general to its right place
- Special is understood through general

⇒ General makes mankind culpable for their sin (it's enough to condemn). Not enough to save.

D. Implications

⇒ Don't look for signs! Look in the Book.