

# Foundations: The Word of God

## Revelation and Scripture



# Attitude and Approach

{17} How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! {18} If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand. When I awake, I am still with You. -

Psalm 139:17-18 NASB95

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{29} "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law. - Deuteronomy 29:29 NASB95

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{9} holding fast the faithful word which is in accord with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict. - Titus 1:9 NASB95

# Attitude and Approach

{15} Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

- 2 Timothy 2:15 NASB95



# Areas of Controversy...

Die for

Divide for

Debate for

Decide for



# Where to Begin?

"Can you find out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limit of the Almighty? - Job 11:7 ESV

# General Revelation - Special Revelation

## **General Revelation**

- creation and conscience

Psalm 19:1-4 ; Romans 1:18-22, 2:14-15;

Acts 14:15-17

{1} For the choir director. A Psalm of David. The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. {2} Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge.

{3} There is no speech, nor are there words; Their voice is not heard. {4} Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their utterances to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun, - Psalm 19:1-4 NASB95

{20} For since the creation of the world  
His invisible attributes, His eternal  
power and divine nature, have been  
clearly seen, being understood through  
what has been made, so that they are  
without excuse.

- Rom 1:18-22 NASB95 (see Rom 2:14)

General Revelation - Special Revelation

**Special Revelation**

- Salvation and Jesus

John 1:1–18, 14:9-11; 2 Peter 1:20-21;

2 Timothy 3:15-17

{14} And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. ...

{18} No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him. - John 1:14, 18 NASB95

15} and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

{16} All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,



{17} that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- 2 Timothy 3:15-17 NKJV

## Scripture and Inspiration

“Holy Scripture, being God's own Word, written by men prepared and superintended by His Spirit, is of infallible divine authority in all matters upon which it touches: it is to be believed, as God's instruction, in all that it affirms, obeyed, as God's command, in all that it requires; embraced, as God's pledge, in all that it promises.” - Chicago Statement

“Inspiration has been defined as the work of God, we’re in here providentially prepared and moved the human authors, enabling them to receive and communicate according to their individual personalities in styles in situations, the truth he would have his church no for his glory and humans salvation.”

- Westminster Confession

# Scripture and Inspiration

1. Holy and True - 2 Sam 7:28, Psa 19:7-10; 119:142,151,160; Jon 17:17
2. will not return void - Isa 55:11
3. It is living and powerful - Heb 4:12
4. Is the sword of the Spirit - Eph 6:17

# Scripture and Inspiration

4. Cannot be chained - 2 Tim 2:9
5. Is not of private interpretation - 2 Pet 1:20
6. Is given by the inspiration of God and is profitable - 2 Tim 3:16

# The Word of God

We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, fully inspired without error and the infallible rule of faith and practice.

The Word of God is the foundation upon which this church operates and is the basis for which this church is governed.

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We believe that the Word of God supersedes any earthly law that is contrary to the Holy Scriptures.

(Isaiah 28:13; Nehemiah 8:8; John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:23-25; 2 Peter 1:3-4 and 1:21).

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We believe that the Bible is more than just a human work. Rather, we hold that God worked in and with the authors by inspiring their artistry and expression, and by revealing truth to them (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).



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Furthermore, we believe God sovereignly guided the Church as it selected which ancient books would be included in the Christian Bible.

Thus, nothing in the Bible should be disregarded, and nothing should be added to it (Revelation 22:18-19).

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As a result of these beliefs we hold that the Bible never errs in what it aims to teach, and that it is the final authority on all matters to which it speaks.

We go to the Bible first and foremost in our quest to know what is true, good, and beautiful.

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1500 YEARS

66 BOOKS

40 AUTHORS

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1 THEME



“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon  
you, And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)