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# REVELATION MATTERS

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## 2 Timothy 3

### 2 Timothy 3 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. <sup>2</sup> For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. <sup>6</sup> For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, <sup>7</sup> always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. <sup>8</sup> Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. <sup>9</sup> But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men. <sup>10</sup> You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, <sup>11</sup> my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. <sup>12</sup> Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, <sup>13</sup> while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Matters

### *Definitions of Biblical Inspiration:*

*The inspiration of Scripture refers to that act whereby the \_\_\_\_\_ came upon the authors of Scripture, causing them to write exactly what God \_\_\_\_\_, while simultaneously \_\_\_\_\_ each author's writing \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Inspiration is the work of the Holy Spirit to produce the Bible through human authors so that it is God's Word just as surely as the breath of our mouths produces our own words.*

*Exodus 17:14 (ESV) 14 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.”*

*Exodus 24:3-4 (ESV) 3 Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.” 4 And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.*

*Joshua 1:8 (ESV) 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

*Isaiah 30:8 (ESV) 8 And now, go, write it before them on a tablet and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come as a witness forever.*

*Nehemiah 8:1-3 (ESV) 1 And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. 2 So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. 3 And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.*

*Luke 24:44 (ESV) <sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”*

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Inspiration

Inspiration is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.



Verbal Inspiration means every \_\_\_\_\_ is inspired.

*Deuteronomy 18:18 (ESV) <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.*

*2 Samuel 23:2 (ESV) <sup>2</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord speaks by me; his word is on my tongue.*

*Jeremiah 1:9 (ESV) <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.*

*Jeremiah 30:1-2 (ESV) <sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup> “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Write in a book all the words that I have spoken to you.*

*Hebrews 2:11-12 (ESV)* <sup>11</sup> For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup> saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

*Galatians 3:16 (ESV)*

<sup>16</sup> Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ.



*Plenary Inspiration means \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture is inspired.*

*Matthew 22:41-46 (ESV)*

<sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, <sup>42</sup> saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup> He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup> “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet””? <sup>45</sup> If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” <sup>46</sup> And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*Acts 1:16 (ESV)*

<sup>16</sup> “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.

*Luke 24:44 (ESV)*

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

*Ephesians 3:2-5 (ESV)*

<sup>2</sup> assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup> When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

*1 Thessalonians 2:13 (ESV)*

<sup>13</sup> And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

*2 Peter 3:15-16 (ESV)*

<sup>15</sup> And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, <sup>16</sup> as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Inspiration

2 Peter 1:21 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

### 4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Inspiration



Because God's Word is Inspired it is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Five Solas

Sola Gratia (\_\_\_\_\_ alone)

Sola Fide (\_\_\_\_\_ alone)

Sola Scriptura (\_\_\_\_\_ alone)

Sous Christus (\_\_\_\_\_ alone)

Soli Deo gloria (\_\_\_\_\_ to God alone)



#### Definition of Scriptural Authority:

The Authority of Scripture means that all the words in Scripture are God's words in such a way that to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ any word of Scripture is to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ God.

*When we speak of the Bible's authority, we refer to its property as the Word of God to obligate its readers or hearers to entire submission. The Bible has [final] authority as the rule for faith (what man is to believe) and behavior (what man is to do). Where the Bible teaches a doctrine or reports an event, it binds our consciences to hold it for truth. When it commands an attitude, affection, or action, it binds our consciences to obey. Those who exercise lawful authority over others may regulate many aspects of our outward lives, but the Word of God alone has the authority to bind our consciences with respect to doctrine, worship, morality, and conduct.*

- Joel Beeke



**Because God's Word is Inspired it is \_\_\_\_\_.**

***Inerrancy means that the Bible in its original \_\_\_\_\_ does not err in all that the biblical authors assert. It is true in everything that it \_\_\_\_\_.***

**Psalm 18:30 (ESV)**

<sup>30</sup> This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

**Psalm 119:160 (ESV)**

<sup>160</sup> The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

**John 17:17 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.



**Because God's Word is Inspired it is \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The Sufficiency of Scripture refers to Scripture providing us all things necessary for \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ salvation and for \_\_\_\_\_ in sanctification.**

**2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

**Psalm 19:7–11 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup> the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

1. *Scripture is Sufficient for \_\_\_\_\_ God.*

<sup>2</sup> Peter 1:3 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

2. *Scripture is Sufficient for \_\_\_\_\_ Salvation.*

<sup>2</sup> Timothy 3:14-15 <sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Luke 16:27-31 (ESV) the rich man says to Abraham, <sup>27</sup> And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup> But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' <sup>30</sup> And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup> He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.' "

3. *Scripture is Sufficient for \_\_\_\_\_ in Sanctification.*

Colossians 2:6-8 (ESV) <sup>6</sup> Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

## 2023 Theology Matters Schedule

**January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**

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**July**

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**September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**