

The Scriptures  
The Triune God  
God the Father  
Jesus Christ  
The Holy Spirit  
Man  
The Gospel  
Man's Response To The  
Gospel

Man's Inheritance Through  
The Gospel  
Sanctification  
The Church  
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The Family  
The Consummation

# THE DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE

Scripture is:

1. Authoritative
2. Clear
3. Necessary
4. Sufficient

# SCRIPTURE IS AUTHORITATIVE

When Scripture speaks, God speaks (Hebrews 1:1)

Scripture is inspired (verbal plenary inspiration) by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 5:17-18, John 14:26, 2 Timothy 3:16)

Scripture is inerrant (Psalm 19:7-11).

Scripture is infallible (John 17:17)

## DEFENDING THE AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

1. The gospels are historically reliable (too early, countercultural, unhelpful)
2. The gospels tell us Jesus rose from the dead
3. You should listen to people who rise from the dead
4. In the gospels, Jesus affirms the whole 'Old Testament'
5. The New Testament is written by Jesus' chosen representatives (Apostles) or associates of them

## SCRIPTURE IS CLEAR

“Although some passages may at first seem difficult to grasp, the Bible is written in such a way that all things necessary to become Christian, live as a Christian and grow as a Christian are clear” (Grudem, 16).

This involves spiritual eyes more than physical ones (1 Cor. 2:14)

## SCRIPTURE IS NECESSARY

Everyone can know something about God through nature, but we can only know God through His own self-disclosure, Scripture itself (Romans 10:14-17).

## SCRIPTURE IS SUFFICIENT

Scripture contains all you need “to become a Christian, live as a Christian and grow as a Christian” (Grudem, 18) (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

This means you don't need Bible + Tongues or “Prophetic Word”, for example.

## THE SCRIPTURES

We accept the Bible, the 39 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New Testament, as the written Word of God. The Bible is the only essential and infallible record of God's self-disclosure to mankind. It leads us to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Being given by God, the Scriptures are both fully and verbally inspired by God. Therefore, as originally given, the Bible is free of error in all it teaches. Each book is to be interpreted according to its context and purpose and in reverent obedience to the Lord who speaks through it in living power.



## THE SCRIPTURES (cont.)

All believers are exhorted to study the Scriptures and diligently apply them to their lives. The Scriptures are the authoritative and normative rule and guide of all Christian life, practice, and doctrine. They are totally sufficient and must not be added to, superseded, or changed by later tradition, extra-biblical revelation, or worldly wisdom. Every doctrinal formulation, whether of creed, confession, or theology must be put to the test of the full counsel of God in Holy Scripture.

*Exodus 24:4; Psalm 19:7-11; 119:11, 89, 105, 144; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 5:17-18; John 16:13-15; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-21*