

“OF THE SCRIPTURES”

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Who's voice did you listen to?
What word did you trust?

“The existence, inspiration, authority, and trustworthiness of Scripture is the doctrinal foundation upon which every other doctrine stands.” – Paul David Tripp

ARTICLE I

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter, that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union , and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

FOUNDATION 1.

THE SCRIPTURES ARE INSPIRED:
GOD IS THE AUTHOR

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

2 Timothy 3:16–17

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“When the Bible speaks, God speaks.”
— B. B. Warfield

“The authority of Scripture means that all the words in Scripture are God’s words in such a way that to disbelieve or disobey any word of Scripture is to disbelieve or disobey God.”

— Wayne Grudem

FOUNDATION 2.

**THE SCRIPTURES ARE TRUE:
COMPLETELY RELIABLE**

⁵ Every word of God proves true;
he is a shield to those who take refuge in
him.

Proverbs 30:5

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“God’s Word is perfect, not because it answers every question we ask, but because it never lies to us.” — Ray Ortlund

³⁰ 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.

FOUNDATION 3.

THE SCRIPTURES ARE REDEMPITIVE:
SALVATION IS THEIR END

¹⁵ 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.

2 Timothy 3:15

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FOUNDATION 4.

THE SCRIPTURES ARE AUTHORITATIVE:
OUR SUPREME STANDARD

¹² For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law.

Sola Scriptura

“Every competing voice must bow to the voice
of Scripture.” — Kevin DeYoung

FOUNDATION 5.

**THE SCRIPTURES ARE *UNIFYING*:
THE CENTER OF CHRISTIAN UNION**

¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

Philippians 3:16

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² with all humility and gentleness, with
patience, bearing with one another in love,
³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the
bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one
Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope
that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith,
one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is
over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:2–6

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The Bible is God's perfect, life-giving word—given simply to fill our heads with information, but to lead us to salvation in Christ, reshape the whole of our lives, and unify us as God's people.

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“Where the Word of God rules, the people of
God flourish.” — Sinclair Ferguson