

The Scriptures Inspired - Statement of Fundamental Truths

Text: II Timothy 3:15-17 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto 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 perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

I Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Introduction: The Scriptures Inspired - The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice.

The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct. (*ref.: Statement of Fundamental Truth, Assembly of God*)

Inspiration, Inerrancy, and Infallibility of Scripture (*ref.: Deeper Christian - <https://deeperchristian.com/what-is-the-bible/>*)

It is often said that Scripture is like a three-legged table—you need all three legs to hold it up, remove one and it will fall.

I can take the promises of God to the bank because I know they are true. I know I can have confidence in the character and nature of God. How can I know for sure? — because of these three (3) things:

1. Inspiration of Scripture

The inspiration of Scripture states that **God is the origin of the Bible**. The Bible was written by man under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and is the very words of God given unto man.

2. Inerrancy of Scripture

Inerrancy addresses the fact that **the Bible is without error**. As one theologian explained it, inerrancy is a belief in the “total truthfulness and reliability of God’s words.” - **John 17:17** *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

3. Infallibility of Scripture - Scripture Cannot Lie

Infallibility declares that **the Bible is authoritative and will endure forever**. To be infallible means it is permanent, not able to fail or be broken. Jesus said in **John 10:35** that “*Scripture cannot be broken.*”

1 Peter 1:23, 25 “*the word of God which lives and abides forever ... the word of the LORD endures forever*”
Scripture makes it clear that God cannot lie.

Titus 1:2 ... God, who cannot lie, promised ... & Hebrews 6:18 ... it is impossible for God to lie

As believers we are confident that the Word of God is in fact the words of God ... and because God cannot lie and the Bible is His words, Scripture then cannot lie.

*I can stand confident upon God’s Word because I know that Scripture is His words and what He says is truth. I do not have to waiver, bend, question, or doubt. **Christians are called “believers” because we believe. I believe what He says is true. I believe His promises. I believe that Jesus’ atoning work upon the Cross forgave my sins, removed my guilt, purchased my freedom, and enabled me to have relationship with God. I know I can live in victory and triumph. I can have peace. I can live with unlimited joy. I don’t have to fear, be worried, or have anxiety. Why? Because I know His Word is true. I can build my life upon it.***

Famous Quotes on the Bible:

1. Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face. Ronald Reagan

2. Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture they do not understand, but the passages that bother me are those I do understand. **Mark Twain**
3. The object of the Bible is not to tell how good men are, but how bad men can become good. **D.L. Moody**
4. The Bible is meant to be bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions. **Anonymous**
5. The Bible is God's love letter to us, a Father's letter of instruction to show us how to live the kind of life he wants to give us. **Anonymous**
6. The Bible is the only book, where the Author is in love with the reader. **Anonymous**
7. He that reads the Bible to find fault with it will soon discover that the Bible finds fault with them. **Spurgeon**
8. The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible. **D.L. Moody**
9. The Bible is not the light of the world; it is the light of the Church. But the world does not read the Bible, the world reads Christians! "You are the light of the world. **Charles Spurgeon**
10. The Bible is the cradle wherein Christ is laid. **Martin Luther**
11. Don't say God is silent, when your Bible is closed. **Anonymous**
12. Complaining about a silent God with a closed Bible, is like complaining about no text messages with a turned off phone. **Anonymous**
13. If you are ignorant of God's Word, you will always be ignorant of God's will. **Billy Graham**
14. First open your heart, then open your Bible. **Anonymous**

Other Important Scripture concerning the Bible:

- (1). **Matthew 4:3-4** And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
- (2). **Isaiah 40:8** The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.
- (3). **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- (4). **Psalms 119:105** Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
- (5). **Isaiah 55:10-11** For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

A Brief Comment on Bible Translations- Types: ⁽¹⁾word-for-word, ⁽²⁾thought-for-thought, & ⁽³⁾paraphrase

- **Word-for-Word Translations (Formal Equivalence)** (ref.: BibleGateway.com)

Word-for-word translations aim to stay as close as possible to the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek texts, preserving the exact wording and sentence structure.

- **Thought-for-Thought Translations (Dynamic Equivalence)** (ref.: BibleGateway.com)

Thought-for-thought translations focus on conveying the meaning or ideas behind the original text rather than translating each word literally. These translations balance accuracy with clarity...

- **Paraphrase Translations** (ref.: BibleGateway.com)

Paraphrase translations reword and restructure the text to make it highly accessible and engaging for contemporary readers. They prioritize clarity and readability over literal accuracy.

- **KJV History: 2 major revisions since 1611 – 1629-38; 1769 OXFORD EDITION (today's version)**

The Importance of the Bible to the Believer --- The Bible is:

1. A Book through which GOD SPEAKS to the READER, with a SPECIAL emphasis toward HIS PEOPLE!
2. An INEXUSTABLE DEPTH OF WISDOM and Knowledge about the Past, Present and Future!
3. A Love Letter from God to Man!

4. A Practical GUIDE for our LIFE on EARTH – a light unto our path!

5. A COMFORT to HELP in troubled times!

6. A Book of Promises from the Creator to his People!

7. A Mirror that SHOWS US WHO WE REALLY ARE & HOW CLEAN WE ARE REALLY LIVING!

CLOSING: The question is not “will God speak?” – (The Bible is Undeniable EVIDENCE that GOD has SPOKEN!) -- the real question is “will I listen, heed, and obey the Word He has spoken?”

James 1:22-25 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

THANK GOD HE HAS GIVEN US THE BIBLE TO GUIDE, COMFORT, TEACH, & CHERISH FOR ON OUR EARTHLY PIGRIMAGE TO HEAVEN!