



Doctrine— The Bible: The Word of God
From sermon 8.11.19

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: the very first doctrine that must be addressed, studied, and followed is that on the Bible itself. All other doctrines are supported by the Scriptures. Therefore, all false doctrine stems from a low or even heretical view of Scripture.

Read 2 Peter 1:20-21. Although it's as mysterious and profound as many other doctrines (Trinity, Incarnation, Church/Body, and others), what is meant by the Inspiration of Scripture? Although the Bible has human authors, the Scripture did not originate with them. They were carried along, by the Holy Spirit, to pen what God had spoken or breathed out.

Someone read Chafer's analogy—chapter 2—section C—paragraph starts “One of the important questions...” Just the one paragraph.

Under the subject of Inspiration comes several key terms. Give a brief definition of each. Discuss.

Verbal: God gave the human authors the exact words to use (in the original text). This would include the word order, sentence structure, and punctuation.

Plenary: the Bible is fully inspired, therefore equally inspired in all parts. (Also complete and closed).

Inerrant: in the original text, the Bible contains no errors. It is infallible and trustworthy.
[Note: some translation loss and manuscript discrepancies. They are noted and never used to build a doctrine or practice alone. Anyone's Bible note John 7:53-8:11 & Mark 16:9-20?]

Sufficient: it contains all things needed for conviction, conversion, discipleship, and sanctification.
See also *John 17:17*.

Perspicuity: although some sections are hard to understand (and we'll never understand everything) the Bible, in a study of ordinary means and sound use, is clear to the reader.

What does Illumination of the Scripture mean? In order to understand and accept the Gospel, the Holy Spirit must awaken the soul and grant spiritual sight. After conversion, the Holy Spirit continues to teach, remind, and comfort the believer through spiritual knowledge of the Word

See also *1 Corinthians 2:13-14 & John 14:26*

Share some ways and occasions the Holy Spirit has illuminated the Scriptures to you? Has there been a time when He reminded you of or led you to a passage right when you needed it?

Brief Chafer History

- Plymouth Brethren (1820's) –Ireland
- John Nelson Darby (1800-1882) --Dispensationalism
- C.I. Scofield (1843-1921) --Scofield Reference Bible
 - Dwight L. Moody
- Lewis Sperry Chafer (1871-1952) --Systematic Theology
 - Dallas Theological Seminary
 - John Walvoord, Kenneth Taylor (The Living Bible), Charles Ryrie, J. Vernon McGee, David Jeremiah, Chuck Swindoll, Robert Jeffress