

The Bible

The Sole Authority of Our Faith & Practice

We believe the Bible to be the revealed Word of God, fully and verbally inspired of God. We believe the Scriptures to be the inerrant, infallible Word of God, as found within the sixty-six books from Genesis to Revelation. We believe that God not only inspired every word, but that He has preserved them through the ages. We believe that the King James Version is the preserved Word of God for the English-speaking people, and is the only acceptable translation to be used in this church. (Psalm 12:6-7; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Peter 1:23-25; 2 Peter 1:19-21)

The Doctrine of Revelation

The term *revelation* means God communicating to man truths that were previously unknown and unknowable apart from God giving these truths to man.

_____ Revelation – Through creation and our conscience, we understand the reality of God (Psalm 19:1, Romans 1:16-20, Romans 2:15).

_____ Revelation – Through the Scriptures we know God and understand the redemptive work of God (Hebrews 10:7).

The Doctrine of Inspiration

The term *inspiration* refers to the manner and process by which God gave us His Word.

_____, _____ Inspiration – This not only means that all the words are inspired (verbal), but that every individual word is inspired (plenary) (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, 2 Peter 1:20-21).

_____ Validates the Bible's Inspiration – Though there are many internal claims and historical evidences of inspiration, the Lord Jesus Christ clearly stated the Scriptures came directly from God (Matthew 4:4).

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The Doctrine of Preservation

The term *preservation* speaks of the divine act promised and performed by God to protect and extend His Word to every generation.

The _____ of Preservation – If God is omniscient and omnipotent in inspiration, then He certainly is in preservation. The character of the Scriptures rest in the character of God (Psalm 12:6-7, Titus 1:2).

The _____ of Preservation – In the Old Testament, God used the home, government, and religious leaders to multiply copies of His Word for the next generation (Deuteronomy 6:7-9, 17:18). In the New Testament, God has chosen the church to preserve His Word (1 Timothy 3:15, Jude 3).

We believe that God's Word is preserved in the Masoretic Text of the Old Testament and the Received Text (also known as Majority Text/Textus Receptus/Antiochian Text/Byzantine Text) of the New Testament. Therefore, we believe God's Word is preserved for English-speaking people in the King James Version (Authorized Version) of the Bible because it is translated from these two bodies of manuscripts.

God's Word & My Christian Life

The Word of God ought to occupy a prominent place in the life of the Christian. God's Word helps us grow in our faith (1 Peter 2:2), extends to us precious promises of blessing and victory (2 Peter 1:4), helps us resist temptation (Psalm 119:11), and provides us with God's life-changing power (Hebrews 4:12)! Therefore, we must seek to read it and study it daily (2 Timothy 2:15). As we read God's Word and grow in our understanding of it, we are responsible to be obedient. God promises to bless our lives as we obey what we know of His Word (Joshua 1:8).

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Key Verses

"Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue." – **2 Samuel 23:1-2**

"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." – **Psalms 12:6-7**

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." – **Isaiah 40-8**

"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." – **Matthew 5:18**

"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 the it is it truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." – **1 Thessalonians 2:13**

"All scripture is give by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." – **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

"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 discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." – **Hebrews 4:12**

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." – **1 Peter 1:23**

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 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." – **2 Peter 1:20-21**

"Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand." – **Revelation 1:3**