

Do you believe what
the Bible says?



DOCTRINAL STATEMENT ON “BIBLICAL INSPIRATION”

Questions concerning the Bible’s “authenticity” and “authority”

- Am I actually hearing in my reading what thus says the Lord?
- Since the Bible was written by human hands, are there mistakes in it?
- Since humanity is without mistakes, there must be some Biblical mistakes?



“**BIBLICAL INSPIRATION**”

Biblical Inspiration is the Doctrine in Christian Theology that the human authors and editors of the **Bible** were led, inspired, and influenced by God with the result that their writings may be the **Word** of God.



These inspired men used *firsthand knowledge*, the aid of *eyewitnesses*, and *written sources* in the composition of Scripture (**Luke 1:1-4**).

All of these methods, were without a doubt *under the guidance of the Holy Spirit*, with the guarantee of accuracy (**John 16:13**).

The Bible makes a certain irrefutable, undeniable declaration that all other books do not, and cannot make.


1. It declares to be from the true and living God Himself.
2. The Bible's declaration is undoubtedly true, and that is authors of the Bible were led and influenced by God.



The Old and New Testaments, are *inerrant, infallible, and reliable* in detail and in theological content.

The Bible, as the sufficient Word of God, has authority over the church and the Christian's life and thought.

As divinely inspired texts, the meaning of the Biblical Authors is to be discerned through careful **Scriptural and Textual Interpretation** guided by the Holy Spirit. (**1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 2 Timothy 3:16,17; 2 Peter 1:19-21**).



We must also believe that ***all the Scriptures*** were designed for ***our practical instruction***

(Mark 12:26, 36: 13:11; Luke 24:27, 44; John 5:39; Acts 1:16; 17:2-3; 18:28; 26-23; 28:23; Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 2:13; 10:11; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).



Basic Assumptions as We Study Scripture

- The Bible is **inspired** by God (2 Tim 3:16)

- Definition of inspiration: God “breathed into” the human writers the exact thoughts and words he wanted them to write.
- *Verbal* inspiration:
 - Every word is inspired
- Not a “general” inspiration in which God moved writers to write something and then let them go on their own to do the writing
- Not inspired in the sense that Shakespeare was “inspired” to write good literature or Bach was “inspired” to write great music

HUMANITY WROTE FROM GOD’S INSPIRATION

- **God used their human personalities and experiences in the process.**
- **Inspired men were not all-knowing or personally infallible**





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What does 2 timothy 3:16 say about the Scriptures?

- A. Some of the Bible is inspired by God
- B. All of it is inspired by God
- C. Only the parts that speak to you in a personal way are inspired by God.

“Inspired” comes from a Greek word meaning “God-breathed.”

WHAT TIME IS IT TEST TIME!

1. B

2. TRUE

3. Inspired men DID NOT use firsthand knowledge, the aid of eyewitnesses, and written sources in the composition of Scripture

HOMEWORK: We must also believe that all the Scriptures were designed for our practical instruction (Mark 12:26, 36:13:11; Luke 24:27, 44; John 5:39; Acts 1:16; 17:2-3; 18:28; 26-23; 28:23; Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 2:13; 10:11; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).

