

Providence Presbyterian Church  
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## **Foundations of the Faith – Knowing for Living** **Revelation, Scripture, Authority**

### **Introduction**

*“Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.” (John 17:17)*

*“But if Jesus was God incarnate and spoke with personal divine authority, and if by sending the Spirit he really enabled his apostles to speak God’s word with total consistency, it follows that both Testaments (that which his Spirit produced as well as that which he knew and authenticated) ought to be received as ‘the very words of God’ and as ‘God-breathed and ...useful...so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped’ (Romans 3:2; 2 Tim 3:16-17 ... ‘Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?’ (Luke 6:46). Scripture comes to us, as it were, from Jesus’ hand and its authority and his are so interlocked as to be one.” - J.I. Packer, *Knowing Christianity**

### **I. The Inspiration of Scripture**

#### **A. 2 Timothy 3:15-17**

*“...and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”*

1. The function and efficacy of Scripture
2. God breathing out the Bible
3. The Scriptures having this quality at all times
4. This quality belonging to the whole of Scripture

#### **B. 2 Peter 1:19-21**

*“And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”*

1. Men did not simply speak their own thoughts or opinions
2. Men spoke from God

3. Men spoke as they were “carried”.

**C. John 10:35-36**

*“If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?”*

1. The Lord Jesus’ view of Scripture
2. The Lord views Scripture as being authoritative
3. Other passages where Jesus’ view of Scripture is seen

## **II. The Attestation of Scripture**

*“We may be moved and induced by the testimony of the Church to an high and reverend esteem of the Holy Scripture. And the heavenliness of the matter; the efficacy of the doctrine, the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole (which is, to give all glory to God), the full discovery it makes of the only way of man’s salvation, the many other incomparable excellencies, and the entire perfection thereof, are arguments whereby it doth abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God; yet notwithstanding, our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our heart.”*

**A. 2 Corinthians 4:6**

**B. 1 Corinthians 2:10-12**

**C. John 16:13-14**

## **III. The Results of the Inspiration of Scripture**

- A. Infallibility/Inerrant
- B. Sufficient/Final
- C. Clear

**Next week: Revelation, Scripture, Authority**

See Psalm 19 and Romans 1:19-21