

BIBLIOLOGY – THE DOCTRINE OF THE BIBLE

Today we will continue this series by looking at the “Doctrine of the Bible”. There is no other book like the Bible. The Bible was written by 40 different authors over the course of 1600 years on 3 different continents (Africa, Asia and Europe). It was written in 3 different languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Latin). More than 3200 verses contain prophecies that were either fulfilled during the time within of the Bible or after its completion. There are no contradictions in the Bible and there is no way that the Bible is strictly a human document. With the sinful heart of man, there is no possibility that man could have created this document outside of God. We begin with:

- 1. All Scripture is inspired of God – 2 Tim. 3:16-17 -.**
- 2. The Bible is a Specific revelation.** A Divine revelation communicated or disclosed by God to man of truths which he could not otherwise know, no matter how trustworthy his source or knowledge – **2 Peter 1:21 -.**
- 3. The Bible is a Progressive revelation.** A gradual unfolding of the plan and purpose of God, a progress of revelation and doctrine. This progressive revelation should be read as a whole – Hebrews gives us the completion of Leviticus, the book of Revelation of Daniel and the gospels of Isaiah 53.
- 4. The Bible is Divinely inspired.** The Bible is the inerrant, infallible, inspired and indestructible Word of God. Inspiration literally means – “God breathed” in other-words the very words of God communicated to man. There are several facets to inspiration:
 - **The extent of inspiration.** The entire Bible from cover to cover is the inspired Word of God.
 - **The mode of inspiration.** The Bible is inspired as a means of plenary, verbal inspiration. God revealed His Word to the writers but they were allowed to write using their unique styles.
- 5. The Bible is a final revelation.** The Bible is God’s final revelation to man. It ceased with the book of Revelation. God has not given any new or further revelation since the completion of Revelation. God even reveals a curse to those that would add or subtract from His completed Word - **Rev. 22:18-19 -.**
- 6. The Bible’s benefits from Ps. 119:**
 - **Those that keep God’s Word are blessed – vs. 2 -.**
 - **It can cleanse a man’s way – vs. 9 -.**
 - **It guards against sin – vs.11 -.**
 - **It keeps the believer from going astray – vs. 67 -.**

- **It is more valuable than gold – vs. 72 -.**
- **It is forever settled in Heaven – vs. 89 -.**
- **It is lamp to our feet and a light for our path – vs. 105 -.**
- **It can order the steps of a righteous man – vs. 133 -.**
- **It is very pure – vs. 140 -.**
- **It is true from the beginning – vs. 160 -.**
- **It gives great peace to those who love it – vs. 165.**