

Know The Truth

Recovering The Theology
Of Our Faith

Pt. 6
The God Who
Speaks

2 Timothy 3:14-17

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God Reveals Himself To Us Through **General** And **Special** Revelation

General Revelation

What can be known about God is accessed through nature and conscience.

Special Revelation

What can be known about God is accessed only through specific means that God determines:
miracles, prophets,
Scripture

God Reveals Himself To Us Through General Revelation

Nature

Romans 1:19-20 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Conscience

Romans 2:15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them

God Reveals Himself To Us Through **Special** Revelation

Miracle

Ezekiel 36:11
and they shall multiply and be fruitful. And I will cause you to be inhabited as in your former times, and will do more good to you than ever before. Then you will know that I am the Lord.

Prophets

Jeremiah 1:7
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

Scripture

Acts 17:11
Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

There is more of His glory in the Word
than there is in the whole creation of
heaven and earth.
– Jeremiah Burroughs



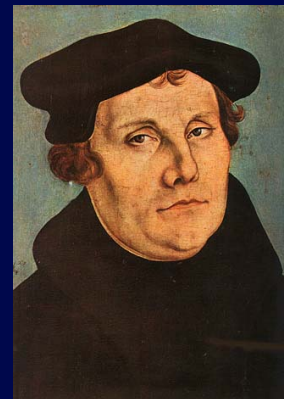
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Luke 24:44-45

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is **WRITTEN ABOUT ME** in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

Remove Christ from the Scriptures
and there is nothing left.
– Martin Luther



John 5:39-40

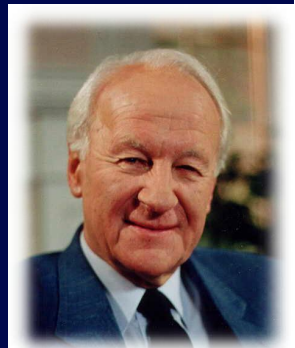
You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

The “very religious” thought that by just “mastering the Bible” they were shoe-ins for the kingdom of heaven.

But they never considered the irony of rejecting the one their cherished Bible pointed to!

The Pharisees' rejection of Jesus is somewhat like getting a prescription from the doctor and then swallowing the prescription instead of getting and taking the medicine!

– John Stott

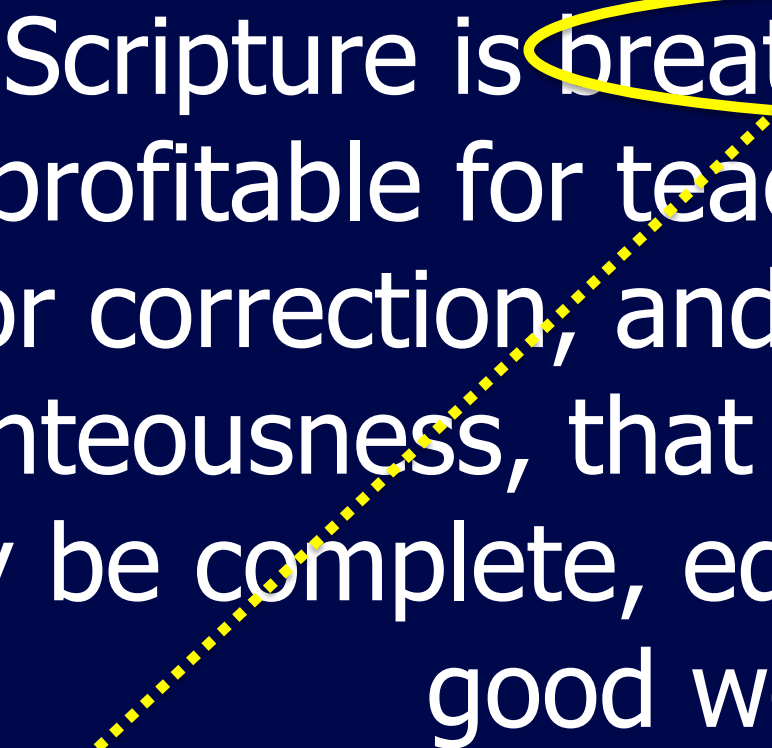


In its context, every passage possesses one or more of four redemptive foci. Every text is predictive of the work of Christ, preparatory for the work of Christ, reflective of the work of Christ, and/or resultant of the work of Christ.

– Bryan Chapell



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Greek word
theopneustos-
God breathed.

Bold claim- the Bible
comes from **God** to
man, not vice versa

The Bible Is Inspired

We believe that the BIBLE is inspired of God, inerrant and infallible, the final standard of faith and practice for the believer.

From the Christ Fellowship Church Statement of Faith

An Inspired Bible Is **God's Very Word**

Galatians 3:8

And the **Scripture**, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith... **saying**, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."

Romans 9:16

For the **Scripture says** to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you

Genesis 12:3

Now the **Lord said** to Abram... "in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Exodus 9:17

Then the **LORD said** to Moses (concerning Pharaoh), "But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power

An Inspired Bible Is **Divinely Authoritative**

Deuteronomy 8:3

Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by **every word** that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers, the flower fades, but **the word of our God** will stand forever.

Luke 16:17

But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for **one dot of the Law** to become void.

An Inspired Bible Is **Without Error**

Psalm 119:160

The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

John 10:35

Scripture cannot be broken

Proverbs 30:5

Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

An Inspired Bible Is **Diverse In Style**

1 Corinthians 1:14-16

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.).

Romans 9:1-3

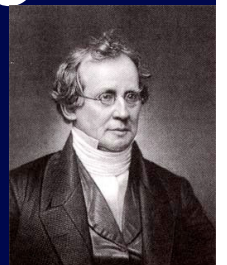
I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying... —that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.

2 Peter 1:21

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.**

The Church has never held what has been stigmatized as the mechanical theory of inspiration. The sacred writers were not machines, Their self-consciousness was not suspended; nor were their intellectual powers superseded. Holy men spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. The sacred writers impressed their peculiarities on their several productions as plainly as though they were the subjects of no extraordinary influence.”

- Charles Hodge



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If you would follow on to know the Lord,
come at once to the open Bible
expecting it to speak to you. Do not
come with the notion that it is a thing
which you may push around at your
convenience.

- A.W. Tozer

