

The Doctrine of Scripture (Inspiration): All Scripture is God-Breathed

When we say that the Bible is inspired, we do not mean that:

- ...the authors had exception natural _____ or “_____.”
- ...the authors were merely _____.
- ...God dynamically directed the _____, but not necessarily the _____ of the author.
- ...the Bible _____ the Word of God as we encounter it.
- ...the Bible was mechanically _____ by God through writers as a typist uses a typewriter.

We mean that...

“God superintended the human authors so that in their words, using their individual personalities, the Scriptures are inspired fully to the very _____, and are without _____ in all that they affirm.”
- Daniel Akin, president of Southeastern Seminary

We are affirming a “verbal-plenary” inspiration of Scripture.

Extent: “Plenary” - _____ of it, every _____ of it is inspired.
2 Timothy 3:16

Degree: “Verbal” - the very _____ themselves of Scripture are inspired. Matthew 19:4-5; 22:31-32

What Does the Bible Say?

_____ claims that it is God’s Word.

The _____ views itself as inspired.

Jeremiah 30:4; Amos 3:1; Samuel 23:2

The _____ views the Old Testament as inspired.

2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Hebrews 1:1-2

_____ view of the Scriptures.

Mt 5:17-18; 4:4; John 10:35; 17:17

He affirms the _____ reliability of the Old Testament.

Mt 19:4-5; 24:37; John 8:56; Mt 12:40

Early _____ preaching assumed inspiration.

Acts 1:16; 4:25; 3:18, 21

Other examples: Mt 1:22; Mk 7:9-13; Lk 1:70; 24:25; John 5:45-47;

Acts 2:16-17; 13:47; 28:25; Rom 1:2; 3:2; 9:17

The New Testament’s View of Itself

Jesus promised his disciples the _____.
John 14:26

The New Testament assumes itself to be _____.

_____ referred to Paul’s writing as Scripture.
2 Peter 3:15-16; 2 Peter 3:2

_____ refers to the Gospel of Luke as Scripture.
1 Timothy 5:18; Luke 10:7

_____ considers his own writings to be on the level of Scripture.
1 Corinthians 7:10-12, 25; 2:13; 14:37; 1 Thessalonians 4:15

The Bible—the Old Testament and the New Testament—comes to us claiming to be the inspired, authoritative Word of God.

How Do We Come to Believe that This?

1. The Bible _____ that it is God’s Word.
2. We are _____ of the Bible’s claims to be God’s Words as we read it.
1 Corinthians 2:13-14; John 10:26-27
3. The Words of Scripture are _____ - _____.

The **inspiration** of the Bible should give us _____ of having divine instruction and _____ to study it.