Believing Bibliology: Session One

Laying the Foundation – The Westminster Doctrine of Scripture

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." —2 Timothy 3:16-17—

I. Introduction

- a. Name of Class: "Believing Bibliology"
- b. Modern-Day Issues Regarding Scripture

II. Goals of the Class

- a. Achieve a basic understanding of the Reformed doctrine of Scripture;
- b. Acquire a familiarity with how Scripture in its original languages was written and transmitted through the ages;
- c. Seek to apprehend the nature of the present controversy surrounding the preservation of Scripture and textual criticism;
- d. Become informed about the various philosophies of Bible translation, with a more specific understanding of the current major offerings in English.

III. Westminster Doctrine of Scripture

- a. Scripture is NECESSARY (WCF 1.1)
- b. Scripture is IDENTIFIABLE (1.2)
- c. Scripture is DEFINED (1.3)
- d. Scripture is AUTHORITATIVE (1.4)
- e. Scripture is SELF-ATTESTING (1.5)

- f. Scripture is SUFFICIENT (1.6)
- g. Scripture is CLEAR (1.7)
- h. Scripture is PRESERVED (1.8)
- i. Scripture is SELF-INTERPRETING (1.9)
- j. Scripture is FINAL (1.10)
- IV. Concluding Thoughts