

A Faith Ruled by the Bible

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What We Believe, part 1

2 Timothy 3:14-17

I. Scriptural Authority

- A. The source of Scripture
- B. The interpretation of Scripture
- C. The authority of Scripture
- D. The *usefulness* of Scripture

II. “But what about ...?”

- A. Resources for faith and life (John 16:13; Hebrews 13:7)
- B. Tradition (Matthew 15:8-9)
- C. New revelations (1 Peter 5:2, 4)
- D. Church authority: who’s the boss?

III. Reading and Understanding Scripture

- A. Verbal and Plenary Inspiration
- B. Genre
- C. Scripture interprets Scripture
- D. Reading with the church

IV. “These speak of me!”

- A. Why believe the Bible?
- B. Scripture and Jesus Christ (John 5:39)
- C. Motive and Method