

Contending Earnestly for the Faith

(Progressive vs. Historic Christianity)

Contending for the Bible

Part 2

I. The Deconstruction of God's Word.

A. *The criticisms of deconstructionism.*

B. *The hiss of deconstructionism.*

Cf. Gen.3:1

C. *The smorgasbord of deconstructionism.*

D. *The underlying pride of deconstructionism.*

Cf. Prov.26:12; Isa.5:21; 1 Cor.3:18-20

II. The Deconstruction of Doubt.

A. *What did Jesus believe about Scripture?*

Insight from a near stoning – John 10:35,36 (Psa.82:6)

Insight from jots and tittles – Matt.5:17-19

Insight from sowing seed – Lu.8:11

Insight from a prayer – John 17:14-18

Insights from historical references – Matt.12:38-42; 24:37-39

B. *What did the apostles believe about Scripture?*

Cf. Heb.1:1-4; 2 Pet.3:16; 1 Thess.2:13

C. *What must our disposition be as we come to Scripture?*

Cf. Psa.119:9,11,18,69,130,131; Isa.66:1,2; Mk 9:24; Jn.6:68; 7:17

“It is not for us to stop believing because we lack understanding, or to postpone believing till we can get understanding, but to believe in order to understand; as Augustine said, ‘unless you believe, you will not understand.’ Faith first, sight afterwards, is God’s order, not vice-versa, and the proof of the sincerity of our faith is our willingness to have it so.” J.I. Packer