

# “The Bible is God’s Word”

2 Timothy 3:16 & Selected Scriptures



Introduction:

All of our Christian beliefs are based on the Bible

“The Bible is our only rule for faith and practice”

## **Biblical View of Inspiration**

**2 Tim. 3:16**

***All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:***

*Definition of Inspiration: Inspiration describes the unique process of the Holy Spirit in which He controlled and directed the hearts, minds, and wills of chosen men as they wrote exactly and totally what God wanted, so that the original manuscript was without error or omission.*

- I. Inspiration was the unique process of the Holy Spirit (Jn. 14:26).
  
- II. The Holy Spirit controlled and directed the hearts, minds, and wills of chosen men (II Pet. 1:20-21).
  
- III. Chosen men wrote exactly and totally what God wanted (II Timothy 3:16).
  
- IV. The result was that the original manuscript was without error or omission (Matt. 5:17-18; John 10:35).

## **Eight Rational Proofs for Inspiration**

1. Unity
2. Prophecy
3. Honesty
4. Durability
5. Power
6. Freshness
7. Scientific Accuracy
8. Historical Accuracy

Because the Bible is inspired by God, it is therefore profitable, authoritative & complete. This is Paul's point in II Timothy 3:16-17: “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: [17] That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”