

Doctrine of Inspiration

1. The principle of inspiration is described by the Greek word **Theopneustos** (inspired by God).

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given **by inspiration** of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2. Origin of Scripture is not human viewpoint but rather the Holy Spirit using human authors. It is all inspired and must be considered categorically and not eclectically. A chart will illustrate this point.

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I The I stands for Introduction, meaning those facts which introduce historical nuances and background information about the book, the author and the historical setting.

C The C stands for Categories meaning that study of a subject found throughout the Bible as opposed to an eclectic approach.

E The E stands for Exegesis, meaning a critical analysis of the Bible performed from a study of the original language using the best manuscripts available.

D The D stands for Dispensation, meaning that analysis of the biblical passage or passages given the epoch to which the Scripture relates.

3. To understand Scripture one must consider the **Isagogics** (*introductory studies of the Bible in its historical context*), **Categories** (studying what the entire Bible has to say of a subject), **Exegeses** (*the explanation or interpretation of texts in their "original" or oldest language*) and the targeted **Dispensations** (*in Christian belief, a divine ordering or management of affairs and events of the world as seen in Scripture*).

2Pe 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is to be taken by itself.

2Pe 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

3. The Bible is said to be the mind of Christ.

1Co 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

1Pe 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

Phi 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

4. The Bible is the absolute criteria for the believer.

Psa 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

5. The Bible was conceived in eternity past.

Pro 8:1 Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice?

Pro 8:2 On the heights along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand;

Pro 8:3 beside the gates leading into the city, at the entrances, she cries aloud:

Pro 8:4 "To you, O men, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind.

Pro 8:5 You who are simple, gain prudence; you who are foolish, gain understanding.

Pro 8:6 Listen, for I have worthy things to say; I open my lips to speak what is right.

Pro 8:7 My mouth speaks what is true, for my lips detest wickedness.

Pro 8:8 All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse.

Pro 8:9 To the discerning all of them are right; they are faultless to those who have knowledge.

Pro 8:10 Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold,

Pro 8:11 for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

Pro 8:12 "I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion.

Pro 8:13 To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.

Pro 8:14 Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have understanding and power.

Pro 8:15 By me kings reign and rulers make laws that are just;

Pro 8:16 by me princes govern, and all nobles who rule on earth.

Pro 8:17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me.

Pro 8:18 With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity.

Pro 8:19 My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver.

Pro 8:20 I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice,

Pro 8:21 bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasuries full.

Pro 8:22 "The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old;

Pro 8:23 I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning, before the world began.

6. God provided Scripture for the improvement of mankind. It provides not only a message of salvation but it is also a manual for living.

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

2Ti 3:17 **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

Jos 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make thy way prosperous, and then you shall have a good success.

7. Conclusion and Review

7.1 The anonymous writer of Hebrews declares the power of Scripture, how it cuts to the essence of our soul and human spirit discerning our true thoughts and intents.

7.2 Without doctrine you will find, at best your prayers are an abomination to God and at worst, they are not even heard.

Pro 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayers shall be an abomination.

1Pe 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not cut-off (**Ekkopto**).

7.3 The writer of Proverbs tells us the man who loves spiritual growth will love knowledge.

Pro 12:1 Whoever loveth instruction loveth knowledge: and he that hateth reproof is brutish.

7.4 Compare this verse to Heb 4:12. The anonymous writer of Hebrews declares the power of Scripture, how it cuts to the essence of our soul and human spirit discerning our true thoughts and intents.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

7.5 Doctrine was always with God, even from eternity past; before anything was, there was doctrine. Pro 8:22 and 23 also declare the importance God places on doctrine.

Pro 8:22 The Lord possessed wisdom in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.
Pro 8:23 Wisdom was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth was.

7.6 God has magnified His Word, even above His name and reputation. A clear demonstration of the importance of the inspired Word of God is found in Psa 138:2.

Psa 138:2 I will worship toward the Holy Temple and praise thy Name for thy loving Kindness and for thy Truth: for thou hast magnified thy Word above all thy Name."

7.7 The attitude of a believer toward Bible doctrine determines whether he or she receives blessing or discipline in time.

Pro 8:33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

Pro 8:34 Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the post of my doors.

Pro 8:35 For whoever findeth doctrine, findeth life and shall obtain favor of the Lord.

Pro 8:36 But he that sinneth against doctrine wrongeth his own soul: and all they that hate me love operational death in time.

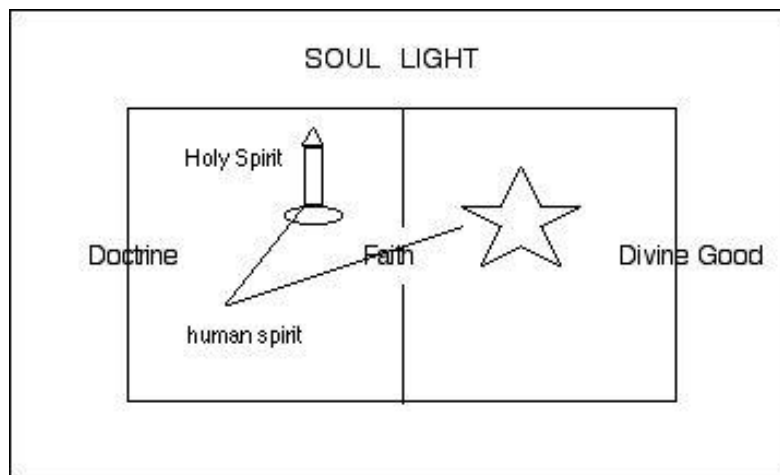
7.8 Doctrine, therefore, is the basis for blessing in time.

Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: for I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

7.9 Doctrine must become more real than reality in the life of a believer.

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2Pe 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your heart:



7.10 An expanded and corrected translation of 2Pe 1:20 demands a categorical study of Scripture.

Expanded Translation

2Pe 1:20 Know and understand no verse should be read and interpreted alone; i.e., it must not be isolated from what the Scripture says elsewhere.

7.11 In order to function properly in time every believer is urged to get under the authority of his or her right pastor-teacher.

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Heb 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, those men who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose faith follow, considering the result of their modus operandi of studying and teaching.

Heb 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

7.12 A nation without a pivot of positive believers will fall under the fifth cycle of discipline. As go the believers in a nation, so goes that nation.

Hos 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

7.13 The pastor-teacher in the local church has the responsibility for communicating doctrine.

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, *pastors-teachers*;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

7.14 The inspired Word is the revealed mind of Christ; exclusively revealed in the Canon.

1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, you love; in whom, though now you see him not, yet believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1Co 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

1Pe 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;
1Pe 4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.