

“Our God Given Book”

2 Tim. 3:16

Knowing Him and Making Him Known

"Of all the doctrines connected with the Christian faith, none is more important than the one that has to do with the basis of our religious knowledge." (Harold Lindsell, The Battle For The Bible, pp. 17, 23-25,185).

“God by means of the Holy Spirit breathed through people who wrote down His words through their personalities and abilities.”

Without special revelation, humanity could never know God in detail or intimacy.

I. The Evidence of its origin (2 Timothy 3:16)

A. All Scripture is Inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16).

God is the author of Scripture. In 2 Timothy 3:16, Paul used the word "Scripture." It is the Greek word **graphe**. It means "a writing or thing written." The second primary word used by Paul is "inspired." It comes from the Greek word **Theopneustos**. It means, "given by inspiration of God." It is only here in the entire New Testament. Inspiration speaks of that which "God-breathed out."

Because the written record we hold in our hand is God breathed, it is, therefore, profitable.

B. Men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. (2 Peter 1:21)

The Holy Spirit is the agent of Scripture (2 Peter 1:21, John 16:13).

1. Scripture is not produced by the will of man (Galatians 1:11).

Scripture was not fabricated by man's will or effort, but by the will of God. God is the author or source of Scripture. God used men who were holy or set apart for the task. The doctrine of inspiration reaches into the very make up of those chosen to be channels through which God would speak. **God used their personalities and academic abilities in the communication of His will.**

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2. People were used in the process of Scripture.

Peter tells us those chosen were moved upon by the Holy Spirit. The word “moved” (**pherw**) means, “To be carried along.” Those who were acted upon by God in the writing of Scripture were carried along by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was controlling and overseeing the process. This is true of no other written work known or unknown of man.

Only Scripture is inspired. Because the Bible has come to us from God, what are the results or consequences of being inspired or authored by God?

There are three concluding statements showing the consequences of inspiration:

II. The Application of its authority

- A. The Word of God Has No Equal (Deut. 18:18-20; Gal. 1:8,9; Rev. 22:18,19).
- B. The Word of God Is Effective In Its Power (Isa. 14:24-27; 55:8-11; Heb. 4:12).
- C. The Word of God Is Errorless In Its Content (Ps. 12:6; 18:30; 19:8; 119:140; Pro. 30:5).