

# The Necessity for You to Depend on God's Word

*The hope for God's people to completely rely on God's Truth in an age of error*

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**Introduction:**

## **REVELATION** God's disclosure of Himself to mankind

2 Peter 1:20 *But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*

## **INSPIRATION** The Holy Spirit wrote through the biblical writers using their own languages, culture and individual personalities, resulting in God's Word without error in the original.

2 Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is inspired by God*

Matthew 5:17-20 *not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished*

## **INERRANCY** God's superintendence of the human authors so that, using their own individual personalities, they composed and recorded, WITHOUT ERROR, His revelation to man in the words of the original autographs.

Numbers 23:19 *God is not a man that He should lie Malachi 3:6 For I the Lord do not change.*

John 10:34-36 *The Scripture cannot be broken. John 17:17 Thy word is truth.*

## **CANONICITY** God uses specific men to record His scripture—Prophets and Apostles.

Ephesians 2:20 *built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets*

John 14:26 *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. 2 Peter 3:15 just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, 16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. Jude 3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.*

## **AUTHORITY** God is the absolute authority, so His WORD is the authoritative revelation of HIS WILL to His children.

*The Scriptures were not given for our information, but for our transformation.*

## **ILLUMINATION** The operation of the Holy Spirit whereby He makes known to regenerate men the spiritual content, significance, application, and truth of the Bible.

1 Corinthians 2:14-15 *But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no man.*

*The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible.*

AW Tozer *Whatever keeps me from my Bible is my enemy, however harmless it may appear to me.*

Romans 10:17 *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.*

John 17:17 *Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.*

2 Timothy 3:16 **All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work**

John Bunyan *I never knew all there was in the Bible until I spent those years in jail.*

*I was constantly finding new treasures.*

## #1 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word demands dependence

16a *All Scripture is inspired by God*

*When the Bible becomes a part of you, you'll be less likely to come apart.*

## #2 The general \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word demand dependence

*16b and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness*

**FOR TEACHING** The Bible helps you *KNOW* what's right

**FOR REPROOF** The Bible helps you *GET* right

**FOR CORRECTION** The Bible helps you *STAY* right

**FOR TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS** The Bible helps you *LIVE* right

## #3 The specific \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word demand dependence

*17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work*

The **FOCUS** of the Word *the man of God*

The **HOPE** of the Word *that the man of God may be*

The **FIT** of the Word *the man of God may be adequate*

The **IMPACT** of the Word *equipped*

The **GOAL** of the Word *equipped for every good work*

**Commentator:** *Where it is allowed to have its intended result, instruction in the scripture will secure for every believer a continuous, growing, inward capacity and external readiness to accomplish everything that is pleasing to the Lord.*

Take Home:

**L** \_\_\_\_\_ for God's WORD

*1 Peter 2:2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.*

**L** \_\_\_\_\_ God's WORD

*Acts 17:11 for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.  
Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you...*

**L** \_\_\_\_\_ on God's Word

*1 Thessalonians 2:13 we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.*

**L** \_\_\_\_\_ God's WORD

*John 14:15 If you love Me, you will keep My commandments 1 John 2:4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him  
James 1:22...prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.*

**L** \_\_\_\_\_ Christ through His Word

*John 14:23 If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.*

***The only way to survive in an age of error, is to completely rely on God's Word.***

### **QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST**

1. Why do so few Christians invest regular time into the study, memorization and meditation upon the Word of God?
2. What do so many churches do that contributes to a low view of God's Word?
3. How does the very nature of God's Word demand our dependence upon it?
4. When taught correctly, what should the Bible accomplish in your life? What are the reasons it sometimes does not?
5. What kind of fruit should result when we learn and live God's Word?
6. What very specific and detailed steps do you need to take in order to respond to these two verses?

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