

The Reliability of Scripture, Part2.

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In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, we find one of the most profound statements about the word of God. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the apostle Paul claims that “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” From this statement, there are at least two reasons why the Scripture is reliable. In this week’s update we will focus on the first reason why Scripture is reliable. Also note that we will use the terms Scripture, the word of God and the Bible interchangeably

The first reason why all Scripture is reliable is because it originates with God (2 Tim. 3:16). The apostle Paul claims that all Scripture is “inspired by God.” The phrase “inspired by God” is a translation of one Greek word which means “God-breathed.” The word of God is the very breath of God, thus it is derived from God Himself. I also want to draw our attention to the little word “All” in 2 Tim. 3:16. This little word “all” encompasses the entire Bible. One of the implications of this truth is that we cannot pick and choose what we like and what we dislike about the word of God. Instead, we should receive the entire Bible as a gift from God to us.

