



# The Authority of Scripture

## INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning

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Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2.5-13

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Whether the Bible arose from men alone or God inspired is perhaps the most crucial question of our time. If the Bible is merely human, arising from myths & legends – it has no authority in our lives. But...if Scripture is from God, as it claims, then it possesses unconditional, divine authority over us. Our faith as Christians rests on the inspiration of the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:12-19).

### I. Answering the critics.

- A. The word *has too much baggage*.
- B. Some claim scripture is of human origin.

### II. The Bible claims inspiration throughout its pages.

- A. OT & NT claim inspiration \_\_\_\_\_ times.
- B. In the Old Testament:
  - 1. Exodus 17:14; 34:27; Psalm 119:9; Isaiah 51:16; Jeremiah 1:7
- C. The NT also claims divine inspiration.
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ – John 7:16-17; 12:49-50
  - 2. Jesus promised the gift of the Holy Spirit. He would:
    - a. Luke 12:11-12 – \_\_\_\_\_ their message
    - b. 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 – \_\_\_\_\_ them what to speak.
    - c. John 14:26 – \_\_\_\_\_ them of what Jesus said.
    - d. John 16:13 – guide them into all \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. Paul's words – 1 Thessalonians 2:13 see also 1 Cor. 2:11-13.

### III. If the Bible is from God – it will surely make a difference in our lives.

- A. Bible contains words that will change our lives.
  - 1. Acts 11:14 – contains God's plan of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. Rom 1:16 – contains the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. Rom 10:17 – it has the power of God to bring us to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4. 1 Peter 1:22-25 – we are born again with imperishable \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. The Bible brings us to wisdom beyond our own. 1 Corinthians 1:25
- C. Because it is truth, Bible should have \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.
  - 1. John 8:31 – Abide in the word of God.
- D. If it is the authority in our lives – it must never be changed.
  - 1. Revelation 22:18-19
  - 1. Galatians 1:6-9 – anyone who preaches a different gospel will be accursed.

### Conclusion:

- A. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 – what Paul taught remains true today.

## ANSWERS

Inspire	Authority
4000	Remind
Jesus	Seed
Teach	Faith
Salvation	Gospel
Truth	

## MY NOTES