

Doctrinal Series- God's Word

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Introduction

John 1:1 KJV 1900

Body

Colossians 2:2-3 KJV 1900

But First, Doctrine

What is Doctrine?

- According to the Open Bible Sense Lexicon, Doctrine is “a belief (or system of beliefs) accepted as authoritative by some group or school.
- Christians accept the Bible, and therefor Biblical doctrine as authoritative because of who gave it to us.

Genesis 1:1 KJV 1900

Acts 2:42 KJV 1900

Romans 6:17 KJV 1900

Now, God’s Word

[John 1:1](#) - States that God’s Word and God are one and the same

- God’s Word carries all the power and all the authority of God Himself
- God’s Word contains everything we need to know:

Different Subdomains of Bibliology

Inspiration - The divine action that creates an identity between a human word and a divine word.

Authority - The Bible's authority comes from its source, namely God, and governs all areas of human life.

Truth - Because God is a God of Truth and cannot lie, His word, every word, is altogether truthful.

Canon - Recognized generally as the divinely authorized collection of books that God has given to govern His people. Those books in our bible today are recognized as canon.

Clarity - We understand that the Bible is sufficiently clear to leave people no excuse for disobedience to the commandments of God.

Sufficiency - We understand that the Bible contains all the divine instructions and principles necessary for human decisions.

Necessity - God's Word is absolutely necessary and without it we simply cannot know any truth, specifically who God is and what He requires.

Translation - As everybody does not speak every language, translation of God's Word from the original languages have been, and continues to be necessary so that every person might understand who God is, and what He requires.

Interpretation - Helping people to understand and apply what thus sayeth the Lord.

Rule of Faith - We'll discuss this in depth in our study on Obedient Faith.

Inspiration

2 Timothy 3:16 KJV 1900

In general vernacular, inspiration can mean many things

In Scripture however, inspiration literally means "God-breathed".

God's Word is given to us directly from God or through His chosen vessels.

Authority

Deuteronomy 8:11 KJV 1900

Truth

John 17:17 KJV 1900

- You will find truth from God here. Not just religious truth, but general truth that spans all of reality.
- What if we find something that contradicts scripture?
- Believing in scripture ultimately requires faith, but so does EVERY belief system.

The Canon

Luke 24:44 KJV 1900

- Those books of the Bible recognized as being God-breathed.
- It's these writings, and only these that have all the characteristics of God's Word

John 10:27 KJV 1900

Clarity

Deuteronomy 30:11-14 KJV 1900

Romans 1:19-20 KJV 1900

- Revelation cannot be said to be given if it's unclear or difficult to understand
- God's revelation is always successful

Sufficiency

2 Timothy 3:16-17 KJV 1900

- We find in scripture everything we need, and it's complete sufficiency stands in stark contrast to religious traditionalism and intellectual flavors-of-the-month that seems so prevalent in our churches today.

The Bible's Necessity

Deuteronomy 8:3 KJV 1900

That treaty, or constitution, was necessary to the relationship.

John 14:15 KJV 1900

Bible Translations

Matthew 28:19 KJV 1900

Revelation 7:9 KJV 1900

- The languages that the bible was originally written in are Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek, but God's Word was always meant for everyone, everywhere.
- To get the Gospel to all the world, we must translate God's Word into languages people can understand so that God's Word is made available to them.

Interpretation

Luke 24:27 KJV 1900

- Understand at the outset there is only one correct interpretation of God's Word, and that is God's interpretation
- Interpretation in the sense we're describing here means that you're trying to answer the complaint, "I don't understand this. Can you explain it to me?"

Rule of Faith

Conclusion