

The Essentials of Scripture

Definition of Scripture

The Bible is God's revelation to mankind

God revealing truth to mankind that we could not know on our own in order to be in a right relationship with Him and others

The Revealed Truth of God

- ▶ 2 Tim 3:16-17
- ▶ Hebrews 1:1-2
- ▶ 2 Peter 1:20-21

The Inerrant and Infallible Word of God

▶ Inerrancy - without error or mistake

▶ Infallible - without fault, wrong, or contradiction

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▶ Psalm 19:7-8

▶ Psalm 119:42

▶ James 1:25

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▶ John 10:34-35

▶ Matt 5:17-18

▶ 2 Peter 3:15-16

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- ▶ Rev 22:18-19
- ▶ Duet 4:2
- ▶ Proverbs 30:5-6

The Canon of the Bible

- ▶ Canon - rule or authority
- ▶ 66 books of the Bible
 - ▶ 39 Old Testament
 - ▶ 27 New Testament

The Canon of the Bible

- ▶ Criteria for canonicity
 - ▶ Accepted by the early church fathers
 - ▶ Ring of God's authority
 - ▶ Power to transform lives
 - ▶ Consistent with the rest of Scripture, not contradictory
 - ▶ Prophetic or apostolic authority

The Canon of the Bible

God's words are our rule of faith and practice

- ▶ Amos 7:8
- ▶ Ps 32:8
- ▶ Ps 119:105-112

The Illumination of the Bible

The Holy Spirit is at work bringing to light what the words of God mean.

- ▶ Jn 14:26
- ▶ Eph 1:18

The Translations of the Bible

There are many translations of the Bible. Which one should I use?

- ▶ Paraphrases to transliterations

Conclusion/Summary

- ▶ The Bible is the revealed words of God for all of mankind so that we can live in a right relationship with God and with each other.
- ▶ The Holy Spirit ensured that the words of God were written, preserved, and understood by humanity.
- ▶ The Bible is the rule of faith and practice for the disciple of Christ
