

3. What difference does it make in what I believe about the Bible? 2 Timothy 3:16-17

How Jesus dealt with the scriptures?

Adam and Eve Matt 19:3-5

Sodom and Gomorrah Matt 10:15

Jonah and the Big Fish Matt 12:40

Referred to the following individuals

Isaiah Matt 12:17

Elijah Matt 17:11-12

Daniel Matt 24:15

Abel Matt 23:35

Zachariah Matt 23:35

David Matt 22:45

Moses Matt 8:4

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob Matt 8:11



Welcome to Rudiments

In the first church experience (Acts 2), those who had converted to the faith devoted themselves to the teachings of the apostles. Imagine men, women, teenagers, and children taking the time to discover their faith and what it meant to be a Christ follower. There is nothing more practical than the understanding of God's truths. Truth sets us free from our problems, encourages us to be bold, becomes an anchor in the rocky seas of life, etc.

Over the next weeks together we are going to discover or rediscover the rudiments of our faith. There is nothing that compares to the Christian faith and these truths will be an anchor to your soul. With them you will have great security... without them you will be *"blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming."*

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Discussion questions:

1. If God spoke to you from heaven or through the voice of a living prophet, do you think you would pay more attention?
2. What are some expectations you have for this study?

Guidelines for our time together:

1. Feel free to ask a question at any time.
2. Feel free to ask any question about the Bible.
3. Feel free to invite others.
4. What to do if you miss a session.

The Characteristics of the God's Word (Bibliology)

1. All the words in the Bible are _____
 - a. *Revelation* - to unveil, the means
 - 1.)
 - 2.)
 - b. Avenues of Revelation
 - 1.) Drawing Lots
 - 2.) Urim and Thummim
 - 3.) Dreams
 - 4.) Visions
 - 5.) Theophanies
 - 6.) Angels
 - 7.) Personal experiences
 - 8.) God's own writings
 - 9.) Historic Events
 - 10.) Direct voice

- c. Inspiration – God breathed, the message
2 Timothy 3:16-17

God cared along men so that they wrote His message using their personal and writing styles.

2. All the Words in the Bible are completely true and without error.
 - a. _____, (no errors) John 17:17
 - b. _____. (reliable) Matt 5:17-18
3. All the Words in the Bible are equal important
 - a. _____ (all equally inspired by God)
 - b. _____ (all parts are equally authoritative)

Example in how these words are used:

The Chicago Statement of Biblical Inerrancy

I. SUMMARY STATEMENT

1. God, who is Himself Truth and speaks truth only, has **inspired** Holy Scripture in order thereby to reveal Himself to lost mankind through Jesus Christ as Creator and Lord, Redeemer and Judge. Holy Scripture is God's witness to Himself.

2. Holy Scripture, being God's own Word, written by men prepared and superintended by His Spirit, is of **infallible** divine authority in all matters upon which it touches: It is to be believed, as God's instruction, in all that it affirms; obeyed, as God's command, in all that it requires; embraced, as God's pledge, in all that it promises.

3. The Holy Spirit, Scripture's divine Author, both authenticates it to us by His inward witness and opens our minds to understand its meaning.

4. Being **wholly** and **verbally** God-given, Scripture is without error or fault in all its teaching, no less in what it states about God's acts in creation, about the events of world history, and about its own literary origins under God, than in its witness to God's saving grace in individual lives.

5. The authority of Scripture is inescapably impaired if this total divine **inerrancy** is in any way limited or disregarded, or made relative to a view of truth contrary to the Bible's own; and such lapses bring serious loss to both the individual and the Church.