

THE DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE

Part One: A theology of Scripture

*The authorship, character, and
authority of the Bible*

Adult Sunday School

9:30 am

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Divine Origin of Scripture

“Inspiration”

1. The Fact of Inspiration

- Self-claims and substantiation

2. The Method of Inspiration

- Dual authorship – the Holy Spirit “moved” men to give His word
- Divine “superintendence” – whole process

3. The Extent of Inspiration

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The Extent of Inspiration

➤ Verbal Inspiration (extends to the words)

1. Only this view allows Scripture to be called “the *Word* of God”
 - The authors’ words equal God’s words
2. The *written* text is God’s word
 - **2 Timothy 3:16** – Scripture (writings) are God-breathed (*theopneustos*)

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 3. The precise wording of the text is often used to support an argument.
 - Gal. 3:16; Matthew 22:32, 44
 4. Jesus' view of the Scriptures
 - John 10:35 – Scripture equals *Word of God*
 - Matthew 5:17-18

Verbal Inspiration

Implications

- **Authority of the Bible**
- **Trustworthiness of the Bible**
- **Sufficiency of the Bible**
- **Method of Interpretation**
- **Style of Teaching**
- **Importance of the original languages**
- **Translations of the Bible**