

# **THE DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE**

**Part One: A theology of Scripture**

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

**Adult Sunday School**

**9:30 am**

**Teacher: Mark Lincoln**

# God's Revelation

- **God has graciously chosen to make Himself known to us that we might have relationship to Him**
  - **Communicated specific, objective truth about Himself; verbal and propositional**
  - **Cumulative – not random, but progressive; culminates in Christ**
  - **This specific, progressive revelation has been written down**

**The form of this specific, progressive  
revelation today is the historical set of  
writings we call the Bible**

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**Why do we believe the Scriptures are  
God's words of revelation?**

**or**

**How can we substantiate the claim that  
the Scriptures are the words of God?**



# Divine Origin of Scripture

## 1. Self-Claims

➤ Is this circular reasoning?

### A. Direct Statement/Quotations

- Statements phrased as quotations – “the Lord said”, “thus says the Lord”
- Statements claiming to be “the word of the Lord”
- **Jeremiah 1:7-9** – paradigm of the prophetic task