

The Purpose and Power of the Bible

We believe the Bible is a perfectly inspired revelation of God's character and purposes and therefore serves as the ultimate foundation for all belief and behavior.

Acts 17

(26) he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; ... (27) God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him,

2 Timothy 3

(16) All Scripture is God-breathed

2 Peter 1

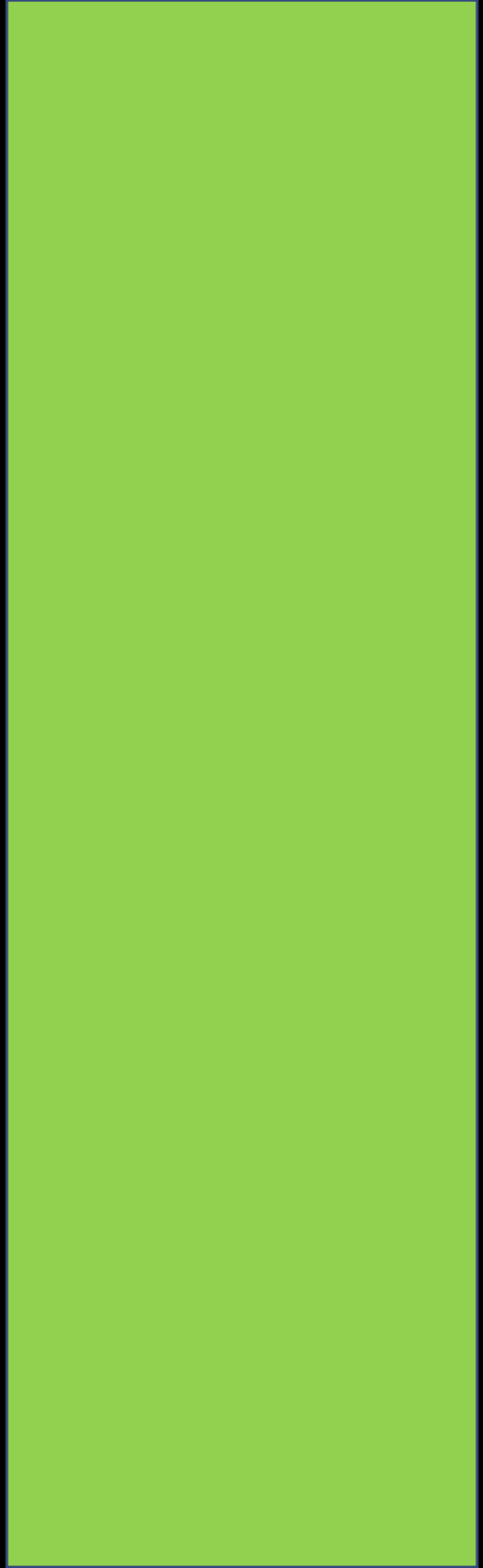
(21) For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Verbal Plenary Inspiration

Apologetics

- deepening one's belief in the Bible's divine authorship through reasoning and logic





Self-authenticating

John 7

(17) Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.

Colossians 3

*(15) Let the **peace** of Christ rule in your hearts... (16) Let the **message** of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another...through psalms*

Psalm 93

(3) the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

(5) Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;

2 Peter 1

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Religious Information (No)

Relational Knowledge (Yes)

God gives us biblical knowledge so that His voice
becomes clear and more beautiful to you

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Psalm 46

*(6) Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts*

Hebrews 13

(5) I will never leave you nor forsake you

2 Peter 1

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The goal of all Bible reading is:

to hear God more clearly

to love Him more deeply

to fear sin more earnestly

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When God's Spirit comes into our bodies, connecting us with His divine nature, His very life begins to flow all through our life, helping us to treasure Him as King, to enjoy Him as Father, to be continually liberated from those things that are dishonorable and dangerous,

and empowering us to serve Him because He served us, and to sacrifice and suffer for the growth of His kingdom because He suffered and sacrificed that we might be included in the kingdom.

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