

THE PERFECT BIBLE

IT'S POWER, PERFECTION, AND CLARITY

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God ... That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

~ 2 Timothy 3:16-17

1. Final, Sufficient, and Perfect

- a. The Bible holds a unique authority above all others, because God wrote it.
- b. Sola scriptura "*scripture alone*" = final and only infallible authority on truth
- c. The Bible alone is our final authority.
- d. The Bible alone is sufficient. The Bible is perfect.
- e. Sufficient ~*def.* Able, apt, enough, competent, adequate.
- f. Perfect ~*def.* Complete, finished, fully informed, having all that is required.

2. The Power of the Bible

- a. Is the Bible sufficient? Does it have power?
- b. It has creative power – Gen 1:3, Psa 33:6, Heb 11:3, Titus 3:5
- c. It has the power to judge – John 12:48; Rom 2:16, Heb 4:12
- d. It has the power to convict – James 2:9; Rom 3:19-20, 1:16
- e. It has power to deliver from sin and death – Rom 6:9, 14
- f. It is more powerful than the wisdom of the world – 1 Cor 1:18, 1:24-25
- g. It is more powerful than the power of darkness – Col 1:13
- h. Without the Bible, no other authority is sufficient. 2 Cor 2:14-16, 3:5
- i. It opens eyes, brings joy, converts, cleanses, warns, and rewards - Psalm 19:7-11

3. The Perfection of the Bible

- a. It is more than sufficient, it is perfect: complete, having all that is required.
- b. The command not to add or diminish it - Deu 4:2, 12:32, Prov 30:6, Rev 22:19
- c. This does not mean it contains everything ever known, you don't need everything.
- d. "My grace is sufficient for thee" - Paul was complete already - 2 Cor 12:9, Col 2:10
- e. Dealing false teachers? Consult the word of his grace - Acts 20:29-32
- f. Fighting evil? Use the scripture, it is able to make you perfect - 2 Tim 3:13-16
- g. Peter wanted them to remember, and he said, read the scripture – 2 Pet 1:15, 19
- h. We need all scripture, and only all scripture to be established – Rom 16:25-26

4. The Clarity of the Bible

- a. We don't need another authority to interpret, we can know and understand it
- b. God not the author of confusion, his words are intelligible - 1 Cor 14:33, 2 Cor 10:8
- c. It is a light for the blind, making things plain – Eph 5:13, 2 Cor 4:4, Psa 119:105
- d. We can know with certainty, and have perfect understanding - Luke 1:3-4, Neh 8:8
- e. Search the scriptures; know the unsearchable mystery - John 5:39; Eph 3:4-8
- f. It helps greatly to rightly divide, which is natural until theologians tell us otherwise
- g. Faith comes by hearing it, growth by studying it, perfection from using it.