

Essentials of the Faith

The Written Word: Authority and Sufficiency

1. The written word of God

- a. The scriptures are the inspired word of God
 - b. The scriptures are the inerrant word of God
 - c. The scriptures are authoritative for the life of the believer
 - d. The scriptures are sufficient to equip us for a life of faith and practice
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For Further Study and Reflection:

- *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self* by Carl Trueman
- *Scribes and Scripture, The Amazing Story of How We Got the Bible* by John D. Meade and Peter J. Gurry
- *The Origin of the Bible* by FF. Bruce, J.I. Packer, Philip Comfort, and Carl F.H. Henry
- *Ancient Word, Changing Worlds* by Stephen J. Nichols, and Eric T. Brandt

What are the Essentials of the faith?

1. The Written Word of God

- a. Inspiration and Inerrancy
- b. Sufficiency and Authority

2. The Nature of God

- a. Eternal, uncreated, creator
- b. Triune
- c. Holy and sovereign

3. The Living Word & Saving Work of Christ

- a. Dual nature of Christ
- b. The fallenness of man and the atoning work of Christ
- c. The Resurrection of Christ

4. The means of salvation

- a. By grace alone (sola gratia)
- b. Through faith alone (sola fide)
- c. In Christ alone (sola Christus)