



Doctrine | Week 1 | The Bible

Doctrine Introduction

Convictions – Any doctrine or truth, which if denied or misunderstood, keeps one out of heaven, seriously distorts the revelation of God to man, or leads to gross sin or error.

- This is something you will die over.
- You have few convictions.
- These determine where I will worship
- These do not change over time.

Persuasions – Any doctrine or truth, which you have studied and have gained a level of understanding, that you hold to strongly.

- You may have many of these.
- You would defend the reasons why you believe them.
- Your position on these issues may change as you mature spiritually over time.

Opinions – Any issue where Christ followers can disagree and where there is more than one valid viewpoint.

- Most church splits happen over opinions.
- You have many opinions.
- You may be open to discussing these opinions and changing them.
- Opinions are often shaped and changed by needs arising out of culture.

Big Idea:

We want you to walk away with **a renewed confidence that you have the true word of God and that it is accurate and authoritative.**

Core Belief:

We believe in the Holy Bible as originally written by the Holy Spirit-controlled men. It is inerrant in every respect, infallible, and verbally and plenary inspired. We believe the Bible is complete, final, and authoritative revelation of God's Will and Word, therefore being the absolute authority for Christian union and the supreme standard by which all of human conduct, creeds, and opinions shall be tried. By Scriptures we mean the 39 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New Testament always accepted by historical orthodox Christian churches.

Two questions you often ask when you read the Bible

1. Did God really say that?
2. Did that really happen?

Key Concepts:

Verbally - The very words of the Bible are inspired by God, not just the thoughts and concepts.

(Isaiah 55:1, Proverbs 30:5, Matthew 5:18)

Plenary - all Scripture is equally inspired.

(II Timothy 3:16 & 17)

Complete and Sufficient - there are 66 books; 39 of the Old and 27 of the New.

(Revelation 22:18-20)

Clarity & Perspicuity - The Bible is clear and has been written to be understood.

(II Peter 1:20-21)

Inspired - God Breathed

(II Timothy 3:16)

2 Ways God Reveals Himself to Us

1. **General Revelation** *(Romans 1:20)*
2. **Special Revelation** *(Hebrews 1:1-2; II Peter 1:19-21; II Timothy 3:16)*

Authoritative - Scripture is binding on all mankind

Inerrancy - The Bible is without error

I Timothy 4:16 *Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.*

II Timothy 4:3 *For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions.*

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Proverbs 30: 5 Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Matthew 5:18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

II Timothy 3:16 & 17 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and training in righteousness that the man of God may be complete equipped for every good work.

Revelation 22:18-20 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and the holy city, which are described in this book. He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Deuteronomy 18:22 When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously.

II Peter 1:20-21 Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Hebrews 1:1-2 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

2 PETER 1:19-21 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were **carried along** by the Holy Spirit.