



SCRIPTURE ALONE

God's Word Is Authoritative and Powerful

2 Timothy 3:15-17

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I. God's Word Is AUTHORITATIVE

- A. All the words in Scripture are God's words in such a way that to disbelieve or disobey any word of SCRIPTURE is to disbelieve or disobey GOD

- B. God's Word is authoritative over us to the same degree that GOD HIMSELF is authoritative over us.

- C. JESUS believed that the Old Testament was inspired by God
 - 1. Jesus attributed the Old Testament writing to the HOLY SPIRIT (*Mark 12:35-37*)

2. Jesus referred to the Old Testament books as **SCRIPTURE** from God (*Luke 4*)
 3. Jesus used **SCRIPTURE** and **GOD** interchangeably (*Matthew 19*)
- D. The New Testament **APOSTLES** believed the Old Testament was inspired by God
- E. Jesus and the Apostles believed their **OWN** teachings and writings were inspired and authoritative (*John 12:48-50; Eph 2:2-3, 3:4-5; Acts 10; Gal 1:11-12*)

II. God's Word is **POWERFUL**

- A. The Word of God **AWAKENS** faith (*1 Peter 1:23; James 1:18; Rom 10:14-17*)
- B. The Word of God frees from **SIN** (*John 8:32; Rom 6:17; Ps 119:9*)
- C. The Word of God is our tool for **SPIRITUAL WARFARE** (*Eph 6:11, 19; 1 John 2:14*)
- D. The Word of God **SANCTIFIES** and empowers **GODLINESS** (*John 17:17; 2 Peter 1:3-4*)
- E. The Word of God gives **JOY** (*John 15:11; Jeremiah 15:16; Psalm 119:2, 14, 127, 50*)
- F. The Word of God gives **GUIDANCE** and **WISDOM** (*Proverbs 3:5-6*)
- G. The Word of God reveals **CHRIST**