
Bibliology 101: Revelation and Inspiration – God Reveals Himself to Us

Terms

- Bible, from *biblos* (βιβλος), “book”
- Scripture, from *graphe* (γραφή), “writing”
- Word of God, from *logos* (λόγος), “word” or “message”

1. Revelation: God _____ and _____ Us the Truth

- **General: What _____ Everywhere Sees & Knows**
 - _____ : God Shows He Is _____ (smarter & stronger)
Rom 1:20-21 For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.
 - _____ : God Shows He Is _____ (right & wrong)
Rom 1:18-19 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them.
Rom 2:14-15 for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵ who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves *their* thoughts accusing or else excusing *them*)
- **Special: What You Can Only Know By Being _____**
 - **Direct (God _____ spoke to people)**
Gen 1:28-29 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹ And God said, “See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.
 - **Prophets (God directed _____ to speak to people)**
Heb 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,
 - **Jesus (God’s _____ spoke to people)**
Heb 1:2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

- **The _____ (God the Holy Spirit moved men to _____)**
2 Pet 1:20-21 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

2. Inspiration: God _____ that His Exact Message Arrived

- **What Inspiration Is Not**
 - Mechanical (dictation)
 - Concept (just the idea, not the words themselves)
 - Partial (Which parts? Who decides? Who says?)
 - Neo-orthodox (not inspired, but channels the truth)
 - Naturalistic (human only, as in “inspired to write a song”)
- **What Inspiration Is**
 - **A God-supervised _____**
theopneustos (θεόπνευστος)
God-breathed (“breathed out of God”)
Inerrant: It is without _____
Infallible: It cannot _____
 - _____ + _____ : **Divine AND Human Authorship**
God moving men to write using their own personalities and vocabularies and experiences but supervising in such a way as to produce exactly what God desired to communicate.
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 - **Verbal Inspiration: The _____ Word**
The Spirit of God guided the choice of words used.
Matt 5:18 “For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.”
 - **Plenary Inspiration: _____ Word**
Though human traits are evident, God directed all the words.
2 Tim 3:16a All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God,
- **So What?**
 - *The Bible accurately tells you what God wants you to know*
 - *You can confidently trust the Bible as God’s message*
 - *Learn the Bible. Believe the Bible. Live the Bible.*