

“The Nature and Sufficiency of the Sure Word” 9/08/19

2 Peter 1:19-21

Studies in 2 Peter- “Avoiding the Snare of Skepticism and False Teaching”
Best defenses against false teachers are: understanding our salvation, the fruit that it produces, our calling and election, salvation rooted in truth (not feelings, science, miracles, etc.) and the entire Word of God!

LESSON 1- The nature and sufficiency of Scripture is shown by its SOURCE

- A. The ultimate source of the prophetic Word was from GOD HIMSELF
(2 Pet 1:21- Holy Spirit; **2 Tim 3:16-17-** Father; Matt 24:35- Jesus)

(From our “What We Teach Statement”)

We teach that the Bible is God’s written revelation to man, and thus the 66 books of the Bible given to us by the Holy Spirit constitute the plenary (inspired equally in all parts) Word of God (1 Corinthians 2:7-14; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

We teach that the Word of God is an objective, propositional revelation (1 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Corinthians 2:13), verbally inspired in every word absolutely inerrant in the original documents, infallible, and God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16; compare John 10:35 & Ps 82:6; Matt 22:32 & Ex 3:6; Gal 3:16 & Gen 12:7). We teach the literal, grammatical-historical interpretation of Scripture which affirms the belief that the opening chapters of Genesis present creation in six 24 hour days (Genesis 1:5; 31-2:3; Exodus 20:8-11; 31:16-17).

We teach that the Bible constitutes the only infallible rule of faith and practice (Matthew 5:18; 24:35; John 10:35; 16:12-13; 17:17; 1 Corinthians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

We teach that God spoke in His written Word by a process of dual authorship. The Holy Spirit so superintended the human authors that, through their individual personalities and different styles of writing, they composed and recorded God’s Word to man (2 Peter 1:20-21) without error in the whole or in the part (Matthew 5:18; 2 Timothy 3:16).

We teach that, whereas there may be several applications of any given passage of Scripture, there is but one true interpretation. The meaning of Scripture is to be found as one diligently applies the literal grammatical-historical method of interpretation under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit (John 7:17; 16:12-15; 1 Corinthians 2:7-15; 1 John 2:20). It is the responsibility of believers to ascertain carefully the true intent and meaning of Scripture, recognizing that proper application is binding on all generations. Yet the truth of Scripture stands in judgment of men; never do men stand in judgment of it (Isaiah 66:2).

Jesus’ view of Scripture- Matt 4:1-11- “every word”, “it is written”;
Literal Adam & Eve- Matt 19:3-5; Mark 10:6-8; **Flood-** Luke 17:26-27;
Sodom/Lot- Matt 10:15; 11:23-24; Luke 17:28-29; **Jonah, Isaiah, Elijah, Daniel, Abel, Zechariah, Abiathar, David, Moses, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob,** etc.
5:17-18; John 10:35 & Ps 82:6- *elohim*; “cannot be broken” (a word); Matt 22:23-33- “I am” (a tense); Matt 22:41-46 – “my Lord” (a single letter).