



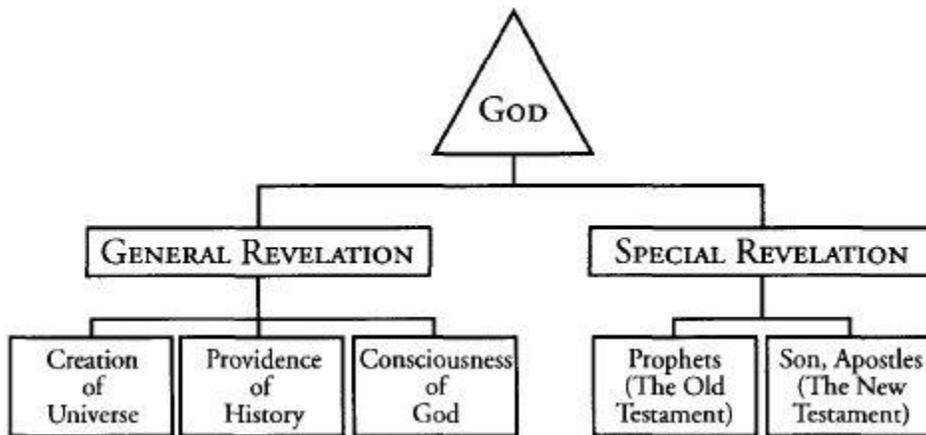
Part 1: Bible Basics

Class 2: Theology of the Bible

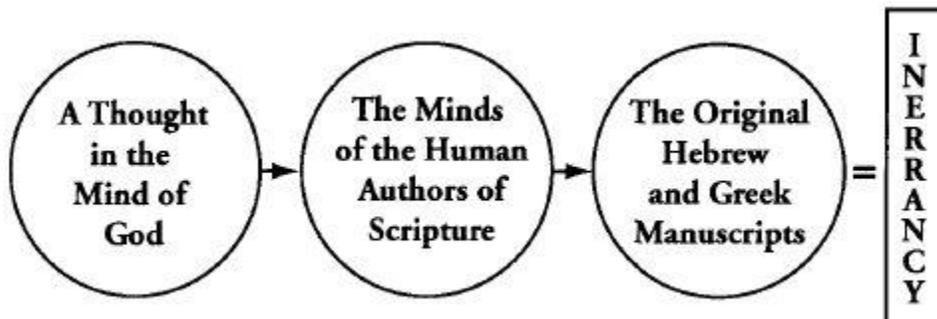
Objective: To define key theological terms that describe the Bible's character and to understand the intended purpose of the Bible.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Question 1: What terms describe the Bible's divine character?



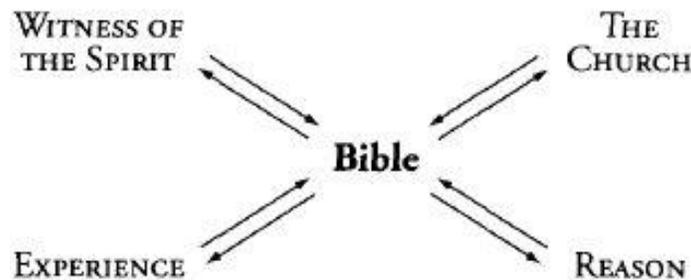
- _____ means the words of the Bible were breathed out by God, but not to the exclusion of human instrumentality.
- _____ means God used human authors to write what he wanted without any errors.



- _____ means the Bible is incapable of teaching error, due to its divine origin.
- _____ means that the Bible gives us what we need to know about God and what God requires of us.
- ◆ **Key takeaway:** *The Bible is a supernatural book given by a supernatural God!*

Question 2: How does sola scriptura describe the Bible's authority?

- *Sola scriptura*, which means “_____” means that the Bible is the only _____ authority for Christian faith and practice.
- *Sola scriptura* protects from _____, _____, and _____.



- ◆ **Key takeaway:** *Of all the authorities given to us by God, there is none higher than the Bible!*

Question 3: What is the role of the Bible in the life of the church?

- Just as God spoke the _____ into existence by the power of his word (Genesis 1), Christ established the _____ by the power of his word (Matthew 16:18)
- Throughout church history, the church was committed to:
 - _____ the word. (1 Timothy 4:13)
 - _____ the word. (2 Timothy 4:2)
 - _____ the word. (1 Timothy 2:1)
 - _____ the word. (Ephesians 5:19)
 - _____ the word. (Luke 22:19; Romans 6:3-4)
- *Semper reformanda!* The Church is always being _____ by the Bible.

The Holy Scripture is the only sufficient, certain, and infallible rule of all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience, although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable; yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God

and his will which is necessary unto salvation. Therefore it pleased the Lord at sundry times and in divers manners to reveal himself, and to declare that his will unto his church; and afterward for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan, and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing; which maketh the Holy Scriptures to be most necessary, those former ways of God's revealing his will unto his people being now ceased. (*London Baptist Confession, 1689*)

- ◆ **Key takeaway:** *The Bible guides the church, forms the church, and reforms the church!*

Question 4: What is the role of the Bible in the life of a Christian?

“The goal of all Bible study is to apply the truth of scripture to life.” - Robertson McQuilkin

- The Bible is the Christian's:
 - Source of _____ . (Romans 15:4)
 - Supreme _____ . (1 Thessalonians 2:13)
 - Guide to _____ . (Romans 1:1-2)
 - Revelation of _____ . (Hebrews 1:1-2)
 - Antidote to _____ . (Psalm 119:9)
 - Access to knowing _____ . (1 John 4:6)
 - Counselor for _____ . (Psalm 1:1-2)
 - Standard for _____ . (John 17:17)

- ◆ **Key takeaway:** *Knowing the Bible is an indispensable component of a Christian's life.*

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