

# Verbal Inspiration of the Bible



CROWNRIDGE CHURCH  
MINISTRIES

**WE BELIEVE:  
IN THE VERBAL INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE**

# THIS WE SURELY BELIEVE

- 1. The Bible is verbally inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.**
- 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**
- 3. The Deity of Jesus Christ. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. In His sinless life, miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood. That Jesus was crucified, buried and raised bodily from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.**
- 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.**
- 5. The justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.**
- 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word and by the Holy Ghost.**
- 7. The present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose cleansing and indwelling the Christian is able to live a life of Holiness, which is to be God's standard of living for His people.**
- 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart for the purpose of witnessing for Christ with power.**
- 9. speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, is scriptural. The gifts of the Spirit, should be sought for by all believers in prayer and should manifest in a Christians life as the Holy Spirit distributes them at His will.**
- 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.**
- 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.**
- 12. In the Lord's Supper**
- 13. In the pre-millennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.**
- 14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous, and eternal punishment for the wicked.**

## **Acts 1:16**

"Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus"

## **2 Timothy 3: 16**

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, (literally all scripture is God-breathed) and is profit-able for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"

## **2 Peter 1 :21**

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost"

### **1. "THE HOLY SCRIPTURES are recognized as the true source of Christian Theology.**

- They are the history of the Christian religion, the repository of the Christian revelation.
- It is necessary, therefore, to investigate the authority of the Holy Scriptures and to validate their authenticity as the true record of the historical development and the finished result of the divine revelation.
- Our primary concern then, is with how the Scriptures became the very Word of God.

### **2. Crownridge Church Ministries official position is that we believe this authority, rests in the fact that the Holy Scriptures are an inspired revelation to man.**

- We mean by revelation, a direct communication from God to man of such knowledge as was beyond his usual abilities to attain.
- We mean by inspiration, the enabling power of the Holy Ghost by which holy men were able to receive God's truth and communicate it to others without error.
- We believe, that inspiration, from a theological view, is the operation of the Holy Ghost upon those who wrote the Bible in such perfect measure that what they wrote became the expression of God's will to man.

### **3. Crownridge Church Ministries believes the whole Bible to be completely and equally inspired.**

- We believe the Bible to be the written Word of God and the very Word of God.
- We understand "inspiration" to mean "God breathed" or "the breathing of God," That is, the

- supernatural inbreathing of God upon the physical senses of Holy men.
- This inbreathing was so absolute that that which was written was the supreme truth of God.
- Our position is that, under this perfect inspiration of the Holy Ghost, the writers of the Scriptures in their own style and with their own vocabulary gave us the Word of God.
- We hold, therefore, that the very words employed to record the Scripture are inspired.
- This is "Verbal" inspiration.

#### **4. We believe the entire Bible to be God-breathed.**

- The agnostic of our day objects to the divine origin of the Bible and confesses only its contents as literature.
- The liberal religionist compromises to assert that the Bible only contains the Word of God. Evangelical Christians, however, believe the entire Bible to be equally inspired. We believe that all Scriptures, as originally written, are the living Oracles of God . and should be accepted as such.
- The liberal identifies the inspiration of the Bible with the same insight and wisdom which is possessed by such men as Plato, Socrates, Shakespeare and others gifted in literary, philosophical, and religious thought. Inspiration to the liberal is considered simply natural talent. This idea empties the word inspiration of all meaning and is not consistent with the unique and supernatural character of the Bible.

### **Inspiration of God given to those who wrote the Bible Vs. Illumination**

#### **1. Illumination refers to the influence of the Holy Spirit, common to all believers in Christ, which influence helps them to understand the things of God. (I Cor. 2:4; Matthew 16;17).**

- This illumination is promised to all believers in Christ but is not the same as inspiration.
- We are told (1 Peter 1:10-12) that at various time prophets received truths by inspiration but were denied illumination. They did not comprehend the truth they proclaimed at the time. The Holy Spirit inspired their words but did not see fit to grant the understanding of the words they were speaking by giving to them illumination.

A. There are two specific differences between illumination and inspiration

#### **1. As to the duration**

- Illumination is or can be permanent-“The path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.”

- The anointing that the believer has received of the Holy One abides in him, (1 Jn 2:20-27)
- Inspiration, however was sporadic as the prophet could not prophecy at will, but rather was subject to the Spirit's will, ("For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.")
- Often times we read," For the word of the Lord came to such an one etc."
- Also there is a very clear distinction between true prophets who speak ONLY as the Spirit of God comes upon them and false prophets who speak a message of their own devising, (Jer. 14:14; 23:11; Ezek.13:2,3).

## **2. Illumination admits to degrees and illumination does not**

- People vary as to the degree of illumination they possess. Some have great insight while others do not.
- In the case of inspiration as the Bible speaks, one has it or doesn't have it. There is absolutely no varying degree. It's simply all or none at all.

## **Inspiration does not mean writers were passive...They used their own words and thoughts as God inspired them**

- It is true some portions of scripture were dictated word for word such as the Ten Commandments and The Lord's Prayer. However, by writing under inspiration, we do not believe a mere mechanical means of action, as if to say a business man inspires his secretary as he dictates a letter to be sent.
- God's Divine Spirit used the faculties, of each writer, thus producing a perfectly Divine message that incorporated their own personality, and thought patterns. That is why Paul's writings follow a certain logic associated with Paul's systematic line of reasoning and John's writings while inspired, are a completely different style than Paul's.

## **Revelation Verse Inspiration**

1. By revelation we mean the act of God by which He discloses what man could not find out for Himself. By inspiration we mean that the writer is preserved from error in recording that revelation.

- A good example would be the Ten Commandments were revealed to Moses. Moses was

inspired to record them in the Pentateuch.

## 2. Inspiration does not always imply revelation

- For example, Moses was inspired to record certain events that he himself witnessed and therefore were in the scope of his own knowledge. These events were not learned by “revelation” knowledge.

## Uninspired Words verses the Inspired Record

### 1. Many sayings of Satan are recorded in the Bible, yet we know that Satan was not God-Inspired when he spoke them

- While the words that the Devil spoke are not God-inspired -the record of those Satanic utterances as recorded in the Holy Scripture is.

## Scripture Claim to be Inspired

### 1. The term “and God said” or similar terms are used 2600 times in the Old Testament

### 2. The history law, psalms, and prophecies are all said to have been written by men under God’s special inspiration.

- Exodus 24:4; 34:28
- Joshua 3:9
- 2 Kings 17:13
- Isaiah 34;16; 59:21
- Zech 7;12;
- Psalm 78:1
- Proverbs 6:23

### 3. Jesus endorsed the Old Testament

- He quoted from it often and lived according with its teachings.
- He endorsed its truth and authority often
  - Matthew 5:18
  - John 10:25
  - Luke 18:31-33; 24:25,44
  - Matthew:23:1,2; 26;54

### 4. The Apostles also endorsed the old Testament, quoted from it, and endorsed its truth and authority.

- Luke 4;4

- Romans 3:2
- 2 Timothy 3;16
- Heb 1:1
- 2 Peter 1:21; 3;2
- Acts 1:16; 1 Cor. 2:9-16

#### **5. The New Testament claims inspiration for itself also**

- Jesus promised His disciples that the Spirit would bring to their mind words that Jesus taught to them that they would speak before kings and local authorities.
- Jesus said the Holy Spirit would lead them into all truth

#### **6. Peter places the writings of Paul on a level with those of the Old testament**

- 2 peter 3:15,16

#### **7. Paul and other Apostles claim to speak with a Divine authority**

- 1 Cor. 2:13
- 1 Cor. 14:31
- 1 Thess 2:13
- 1 Thess. 4:2
- 2 Peter 3:2
- 1 Jn 1:5
- Rev 1:1

#### **8. The Apostle Peter, when he was an old man, wrote to the believers reemphasizing the basis upon which the Christian faith rested (2 Peter 1:16-21).**

- He affirmed that "we have not followed cunningly devised fables:" His position was that God had revealed Himself in Christ. Peter, therefore, wrote the Epistle to establish the fact.
- He affirms that first of all he, himself, was an eyewitness to the glorious majesty of Christ.
- The honesty and trust-worthiness of the Apostle is unimpeachable, as was the testimony of about 500 brethren who saw Christ after His resurrection.
- On the occasion about which Peter speaks, he with James and John went with Christ to the mountain. There the Lord was transfigured before them. They beheld Moses and Elias as they talked with Christ.
- More impressive than all prior glories, however, was the mighty Voice which spoke from the

"excellent glory" saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased:"

- We understand, therefore, that portions of God's Holy Word were written by those who were eyewitnesses to those things to be preserved for the benefit of men today. That was especially true with the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles. We are positive, however, that in recording that which they had seen and heard they were so completely under the influence of the Holy Spirit that they wrote by divine inspiration and without error.

## **Prophecy supports the testimonies of eyewitnesses**

### **1. Not only are the Scriptures supported by the testimonies of eyewitnesses, but they are also attested to by prophecy.**

- Scripture is not of any private interpretation" (2 Peter 1 :20).
- That is, no prophecy is from the prophet's own private understanding of the future, but a revelation from God.
- 1 Peter 1: 10, 11, the prophets uttered prophecies that they themselves did not clearly understand.
- The apostle continues by declaring that prophecy is not by the will of men; rather, "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." These holy men were so perfectly yielded to God and their inspiration so absolute, that they wrote the message of God without error. ....It was God-breathed and, consequently, everything God willed it to be. The Scriptures, thus, were not by human origination or motivation, but by divine inspiration.
- Therefore, let us look to some of the last words from the Holy Scriptures, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Revelation 22:18, 19).

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