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# Chapter 1

## The Infallible Word

### I. THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD

#### A. STATEMENT OF SCRIPTURE

1. “Thy Word is truth” (John 17:17).
2. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God” (II Timothy 3:16).
3. “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” (II Peter 1:21).

#### B. STATEMENT OF TRUTH

The Bible is the Word of God. God is the author of the Bible.

The Bible is God’s message to man.

#### C. EXPOSITION OF TRUTH

1. *The meaning of “Bible.”* The word “Bible” is derived from the Greek *biblia* and means “the books.” Ancient books were written by hand as scrolls upon the biblus, or papyrus reed, and from this custom came the Greek word that was finally applied to the sacred books.

However, we should not think of the Bible as being plural, for it is one complete whole. The Bible is not only “the books” but it is “the Book” (Hebrews 10:7). It is the Book that stands as high above all other books as the

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heaven is high above the earth.

2. *What the Bible contains.* The Bible contains sixty-six books divided into the Old and New Testaments. The word “testament” means “covenant,” and is a term by which God designates the relation between Himself and His people.

a. Old Testament (thirty-nine books). The Old Testament deals with man’s beginning, his knowledge of sin, and his need of salvation. It also gives the calling and history of the Jewish nation.

b. New Testament (twenty-seven books). The New Testament gives the history and application of the redemption wrought by the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. *God used human instrumentality.* In writing the Bible, God used possibly forty men over a period of about 1,600 years, beginning about 1,500 B.C., when Moses began to write the Pentateuch, to about A.D. 97, when the apostle John finished his writings.

Throughout the Bible God used humans to do the writing. In Scripture, only three times did God Himself write, as follows:

a. God wrote the Ten Commandments upon tables of stone (Exodus 31:18).

b. God wrote with a finger upon Belshazzar’s wall (Daniel 5:5).

c. Jesus wrote upon the ground in the Temple area (John 8:6, 8).

The first, the giving of the law, was broken by man; the last, an act of grace, was trampled under foot by man.

4. *How God wrote the Bible.* God wrote through people whom He had chosen, by a process known as inspiration. All Scripture was given by inspiration of God (II Timothy 3:16). The phrase “given by inspiration of God” comes from one Greek word meaning “God-breathed.” It actually means that God breathed out through these men, or literally, these men became God’s vocal chords. Inspiration is the strong, con-

scious breathing of God into people, qualifying them to give utterance to truth. Inspiration is God speaking through humans, and the Bible is, therefore, just as much the Word of God as though God spoke every single word of it with His own lips. The Scriptures are the result of divine breathing out, just as human speech is uttered by the breath of a person's mouth.

#### D. APPLICATION OF TRUTH

Since God is the author of the Bible, it is God's message to humanity. As such, it is the highest authority that humans have to govern themselves in matters of faith and practice. There is no higher authority for humanity than God's Word. What more definite authority could humans desire than what is invested in the Word of their Creator? It is not the authority of the church to decide what the Scriptures teach, but rather it is the authority of the Scriptures to decide what the church should teach.

#### E. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. *Scriptures*: This word is derived from the Latin and means "the writings."
2. *Papyrus*: A reed or bulrush, and the ancient writing material made from it.
3. *Pentateuch*: The first five books of the Old Testament.

## II. THE BIBLE IS FULLY INSPIRED

#### A. STATEMENT OF SCRIPTURE

1. "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matthew 5:18).
2. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God" (II Timothy 3:16).
3. "If any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of