



Introduction

1. We are all systematic _____.

- Major Doctrines Studied Throughout Church History:

| Name | Doctrine of | Covered in: |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Bibliology | <i>The Bible</i> | Theo I |
| Theology Proper | <i>God</i> | Theo I |
| Christology | <i>Christ</i> | Theo II |
| Pneumatology | <i>The Holy Spirit</i> | Theo II |
| Angelology | <i>Angels, Satan, Demons</i> | Theo II |
| Anthropology | <i>Man</i> | Theo III |
| Harmartiology | <i>Sin</i> | Theo III |
| Soteriology | <i>Salvation</i> | Theo III |
| Ecclesiology | <i>The Church</i> | Theo IV |
| Eschatology | <i>End Times</i> | Theo IV |

2. Systematic Theology is all about God's _____ to us.

Equation:

_____ = _____

- **General Revelation:** God's disclosure of Himself in _____ and conscience.

Psalm 19:1-2, 4 – The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge. . . Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their utterances to the end of the world.

Romans 1:18-20 – For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

- **Special Revelation:** God's revelation of His _____ in the _____.

3. **Amazing Grace!:** Not just that we have been given a Bible, we have been given a _____ Bible.

Matthew 13:16-17 – But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. For truly I say to you, that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it; and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

1 Peter 1:10-12 – As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful search and inquiry, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven – things into which angels long to look.



KEY IDEAS:

1. _____ is the key to understanding the _____.
2. The _____ was given that we might understand _____.

I. WHAT WAS JESUS' VIEW OF THE BIBLE?

1) A High View of the Bible as a _____

John 10:35 – and the Scripture cannot be broken. . .

Luke 24:27 – And beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

John 5:39 – You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me;

2) A High View of the Bible in its _____.

Matthew 10:17 – “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.

Luke 24:44 – that all the things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

3) A High View of the different _____ of the Bible.

Matthew 12:3-4 – “Have you not read what David did, when he became hungry, he and his companions; how he entered the house of God, and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those with him, but for the priests alone?

Matthew 12:5 – Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath, and are innocent?

Matthew 12:7 – But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire compassion, and not a sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent.

4) A High View of specific _____ in the Bible.

Matthew 4:4 – But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.’”

Matthew 4:7 – Jesus said to him, “On the other hand, it is written, ‘You shall not put the LORD your God to the test.’”

Matthew 4:10 – Then Jesus said to him, “Begone, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and serve Him only.’”



5) A High View of the _____ of the Bible.

John 8:58 – Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

Matthew 22:43-44 – He said to them, “Then how does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying, ‘The LORD said to my Lord,

John 10:34 – Jesus answered them, “Has it not been written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’?”

6) A High View of the _____ of the words and even the _____ of the letters.

Matthew 5:17-18 – “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.

“Jot or tittle” (KJV)

Bottom Line: Jesus not only believed in the Scripture, He _____ and _____ the Bible (Matthew 27:46)

Implications for our Sanctification:

1. Sanctification is the sovereign work of the _____ in conforming us into the likeness of Christ.
2. As the Holy Spirit does this work, we can expect to see that we are _____ and _____ the Scripture more and more like Jesus did.
3. If we have an inadequate view of Scripture, we need to bring our deficiencies to _____ and let Him resolve them for us.

QUESTIONS FOR APPLICATION

1. How has this morning’s teaching impacted you? Is there anything you’ve learned in this session that has helped in your walk with the Lord?
2. How does Jesus’ view of Scripture help us to love the Bible more? How is His reliance upon Scripture a beautiful example that inspires us to grow?



II. THE INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE

KEY TEXT #1: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

“All Scripture” --

Matthew 22:29 – But Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures, or the power of God.”

John 13:18 – . . . it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, ‘He who eats My bread has lifted up his heel against Me.’

“Inspired by God” –

Two elements in inspiration:

(1)

(2)

End Result: God’s very words being recorded _____

Psalm 12:6 – The words of the LORD are pure words; As silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.



KEY TEXT #2: 2 Peter 1:20-21

But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

“Moved by the Holy Spirit” –

Two Illustrations:

(1)

Acts 27:14-15 – But before very long there rushed down from the land a violent wind, . . . and when the ship was caught in it, and could not face the wind, we gave way to it, and let ourselves be driven along.

(2)

🔥 Definition of Inspiration:

Inspiration is the _____ whereby He _____ His Word through _____ in such a way that the end result is His perfect Word _____ no matter what subject it speaks to.

Paul Enns: “Inspiration may be defined as the Holy Spirit’s superintending over the writers so that while writing according to their own styles and personalities, the result was God’s Word written – authoritative, trustworthy, and free from error in the original autographs.

Edward J. Young: “Inspiration is a superintendence of God the Holy Spirit over the writers of the Scriptures, as a result of which these Scriptures possess Divine authority and trustworthiness and, possessing such Divine authority and trustworthiness, are free from error.”

Charles Ryrie: “Inspiration is. . . God’s superintendence of the human authors so that, using their own individual personalities, they composed and recorded without error His revelation to man in the words of the original autographs.”



Inadequate Views of Inspiration:

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

(5)

Putting Jesus' teaching and the Epistles together, we get:

(1) Inspiration of the _____ (Plenary Inspiration)

(2) Inspiration of the _____

(3) Inspiration of the _____

(4) Inspiration of the _____ (Verbal Inspiration)

(5) Inspiration of the _____ and even the _____ of the letters

☞ Definition of Inerrancy:

The doctrine of inerrancy teaches that everything the Bible teaches is _____ and without _____ no matter what subject it speaks to.

Key Observations Leading to Inerrancy:

1. _____ (Hebrews 6:18, Titus 1:2)

2. _____ (2 Timothy 3:16)

... therefore, the Bible is true and without error, no matter what subject it speaks to (John 17:17)



Excerpts from the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy (1978)

Article VI

We affirm that the whole of Scripture and all its parts, down to the very words of the original, were given by divine inspiration. We deny that the inspiration of Scripture can rightly be affirmed of the whole without the parts, or of some parts without the whole.

Article XII

We affirm that Scripture in its entirety is inerrant, being free from all falsehood, fraud, or deceit. We deny that Biblical infallibility are limited to spiritual, religious or redemptive themes, exclusive of assertions in the fields of history and science.

Psalm 119:89 – Forever, O LORD, Thy word is settled in heaven.

QUESTIONS FOR APPLICATION AND REFLECTION

1. How has this morning’s teaching impacted you? Is there anything you’ve learned in this session that has helped in your walk with the Lord?
2. How does our understanding of inspiration and inerrancy inform the way that we approach Scripture? In what ways does it change the way that we read, study, memorize, teach and preach the Bible?

III. THE POINT OF THE BIBLE

John 5:39 – “You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me;

John 5:46 – For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me.

Luke 24:27 – And beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

Luke 24:44 – Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

Luke 24:32 – And they said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?”

Galatians 3:24 – Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith.

- The point of the Bible is _____.
- _____ = _____. We didn’t deserve to hear this good news but God gave us grace.

Grace to hear, grace to believe, grace to be changed!

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

– 1 Timothy 1:17