**Thy Word is Truth: Biblical Inspiration & Inerrancy**

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**Key Doctrines in Bibliology**

Revelation—God revealed His truth to biblical authors

Inspiration—God guided human authors to record His Word *(without error)*

Inerrancy—totally without error

Illumination—the Holy Spirit enlightens our minds & hearts to understand His Word

Preservation—God ensures that accurate copies of the inerrant originals remain

Canonization—the Holy Spirit guided the ancient Jews & the early church to recognize which books belong in the Bible

Anointing—the Holy Spirit fills & empowers His people to preach His Word *(Acts 4:31)*

**Inspiration**

God guided human authors to record His written Word. 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21

All Scripture is *inspired* by God *(theopneustos = God-breathed)*


**Inerrancy**

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*Without Error!*

The Bible is totally true in all that it teaches; it is totally without errors in the original manuscripts.

**Proverbs 30:5-6** *(every Word of God is flawless; don’t add to God’s Word)*

**Psalm 119:142, 151, 160**

1 Samuel 15:29; Titus 1:2

**The Bible is true in whatever it teaches** *(spiritual, moral, historical, scientific, etc.)*

**We have accurate copies of the inerrant originals**

Christians should not transform historical narratives of miraculous events into mere figures of speech *(i.e., metaphors)*

Christians should not turn the Genesis creation & flood accounts into ancient mythology *(the bio-logos movement)*
We should look for the actual meaning behind figures of speech (metaphors, parables, allegories); *but, we must not turn literal passages into symbolic ones.*

**What Jesus Taught**

**About Old Testament**

John 17:17—God’s Word is truth (see also John 10:35)

Matthew 5:17-18; 15:3; 22:31-33 (totally without error; even tense of verbs)

**About New Testament**

His Words would never pass away (Mark 13:31)


**Logical Argument for Inerrancy**

1) The Bible is God’s Word

2) God cannot lie—He is truth; 1 Samuel 15:29; Titus 1:2

3) Therefore, God’s Word is totally true—totally without error

**Evidence the Bible is God’s Word**

1) God’s stamp of approval

   Signs & wonders (Moses & Apostles)

2) **the Bible is self-authenticating** (John 7:17)

3) fulfilled prophecies--about Jesus, empires, countries, cities, events, etc.

4) its supernatural wisdom

   Earth is a sphere; First & second laws of thermodynamics

   Rejects spontaneous generation; Founders of modern science

   Man’s greatness & wretchedness; Explanation of & solution to the problem of evil

5) its positive impact on mankind

   Abolish slavery; Promote women’s rights; Hospitals, orphanages; Freedom, knowledge

6) #1 best seller of all time

   Worldwide circulation; More copies burned than any other book
7) its supernatural unity

Dozens of different authors; Written over a period of about 2,000 years; Common themes throughout

8) Jesus, who is God the Son, taught the Bible is God’s inerrant Word

He proved He is God:

His resurrection & miracles; His sinless life; fulfilled prophecies

**Conclusion**

“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of Our God stands forever.” (Isaiah 40:8)