

IS THE BIBLE GOD'S AUTHORITATIVE WORD? (Inspiration & Authority)

A. Determining the OPTIONS (What Is the Final Authority for Life & Truth?)

1. The possible authority of _____. (1 Cor. 1:17-24)
2. The possible authority of _____. (Matt. 15:1-9)
3. The possible authority of _____. (2 Peter 1:15-21)
4. The possible authority of _____. (John 17:14-17)

B. Defining the TERMS (What Do Certain Key Words Mean?)

1. "Revelation" – the _____ of _____ that God communicates to _____.
2. "Inspiration" – the supervising work of the _____ exercised on the _____ of Holy Scripture so as to insure that the _____ Bible is an inerrant record of God's truth.
3. "Inerrancy" – this means the Bible is _____.
4. "Illumination" – this is the work of the Holy Spirit in granting _____ and _____ of God's truth in a person's life.

C. Declaring the BIBLE'S CHARACTER (What Does the Bible Teach About Itself?)

1. The Scriptures declare that they are the _____ of God's truth.

* *How has God revealed His truth?* (Ps. 19:1; John 1:18; Deut. 18:9-22; 29:29)

* *Why would it be necessary for God to reveal Himself to man?* (1 Cor. 2:6-13; 2 Cor. 4:3-4)

2. Scripture declares itself to be _____ by God. (2 Timothy 3:16)

* *What does verse 16 literally mean?*

* *What is the extent of the Bible's inspiration?*

* *Who were the instruments God used for the Bible's inspiration? (2 Peter 1:20-21; John 14:26)*

* *What does all of this teach us about the Bible? (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10)*