

IS THE BIBLE SUFFICIENT FOR YOUR SALVATION & CHRISTIAN LIFE? (Sola Scriptura)

A. DEFINING THE SUFFICIENCY OF SCRIPTURE

1. What It Means: The Bible is the _____ sufficient, certain, and infallible _____
_____ for the church since it contains all that is necessary to believe for
_____ and to live a _____.
2. What It Does Not Mean:
 - a. That the Bible is the only _____ of _____.
 - b. That _____ must be rejected as unprofitable.
 - c. That the _____ is not necessary to illuminate our understanding of the Bible.

B. DENIALS OF THE SUFFICIENCY OF SCRIPTURE

1. _____ (Col. 2:8-10; 1 Peter 1:18)

* *What is Rome's 3-legged stool?*

2. _____. (Deut. 4:2; 12:32; Prov. 30:6; Rev. 22:18-19)

* *What are some examples of these in our day?*

3. _____. (Col. 2:18-19)

* *What are some contemporary examples?*

4. _____. (1 Cor. 13:8-10; Eph. 2:20)

5. _____. (Heb. 4:12; 2 Peter 1:3-4)

6. _____. (1 Cor. 11:1)

C. BIBLICAL SUPPORT FOR THE SUFFICIENCY OF SCRIPTURE

1. 2 Timothy 3:15-17 (“complete” [*artios*]; “every” [*pan*])
2. Luke 16:27-31 (“They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.”)
3. Matthew 22:29-32 (“You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures. . . . Have you not read”)
4. Matthew 15:1-14; Mark 7:5-13 (“laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men”)

D. CLARIFYING SUPPOSED PROOF TEXTS AGAINST THE SUFFICIENCY OF SCRIPTURE

1. Matthew 23:2-3 (“Moses seat. Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do”)
2. 2 Thessalonians 2:15 (“stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught”)
3. 2 Thessalonians 3:6 (“withdraw from every brother who walks . . . not according to the tradition”)
4. 1 Timothy 3:15 (“the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth”)

E. EXAMPLES FROM CHURCH HISTORY

1. Irenaeus (A.D. 180)
2. Hippolytus (A.D. 200)
3. Origen (A.D. 200-225)
4. Athanasius (c. A.D. 350)
5. Basil of Cappadocia to Eustachius (c. A.D. 350)
6. Augustine of Hippo (A.D. 400)

* *Why does all of this matter?* (Gal. 2:1-7)