

THE BIBLE - BOOK OF INSPIRATION

- I. God's word may be found in the book of all books, the Bible.
 - A. It is man's guide from earth to heaven.
 - B. Tells where he came from and where he is going.
 - C. Is inspired by God himself.

- II. God's word must be accepted.
 - A. Faith comes from hearing God's word. Rom 10:17
 - B. Must have faith. Heb 11:6
 - C. Must receive God's word. I Thes 2:13
 - D. The Bible contains the gospel, God's power to save. Rom 1:15

- III. Bible's inspiration came from God.
 - A. Bible is "God breathed." 2 Tim 3:16-17
 - B. Word from the mouth of God. Mat 4:4

- IV. Inspiration was given to the Bible writers.
 - A. In the Old Testament Holy Spirit inspired men. II Pet 1:19-21
 - B. In the New Testament Holy Spirit inspired men. Jn 15:26, I Cor 2
 1. God revealed them by his Spirit to the apostles. I Cor 2:12
 2. Note Peter in II Peter 1:3-4 (us contrasted to ye.)
 3. Apostles were inspired. I Cor 14:37
 4. Peter recognized Paul's writings as scripture. II Pet 3:15-16

- V. Effects of inspiration.
 - A. On the apostles.
 1. Allowed them to speak without premeditation. Mt 10:18-20
 2. Allowed them to reveal the mind of God. I Cor 2:1-16
 3. Effects were direct to the apostles.
 - B. On us today.
 1. Allows us to know God's will.
 2. We know God's mind by reading the Bible. II Tim 2:15, Eph 3:4-5
 3. The effects on us today are indirect.

Conclusion:

The Bible is the book of inspiration. Its message is God breathed. It contains the very revealed mind of God. This mind of God was revealed to the apostles by the Holy Spirit who then in turn preached the gospel and wrote the gospel so that we may all know God's will today. Although we do not receive the inspiration process directly we indirectly have all that pertains to life and godliness (Jas 1:25, II Pet 1:3).