

THE BIBLE: THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD

Intro: If there is a God and he is a God that cares about man then it is logical that God has spoken to man. If God has spoken then his word carries importance and has authority. We then, must obey it for it is the only way we can please God.

- I. The bible produces faith in God our creator. (Rom 10:17)
 - A. Without faith we can't please God. (Heb 11:6)
 - B. The gospel, God's word, is what can save us if we obey it. (Rom 1:15)

- II. The bible is inspired and comes from God. (2 Tim 3:16-17)
 - A. Inspiration - means literally "God Breathed."
 - B. God's word comes from within Him. (Matt 4:4)

- III. Inspiration was given to Bible writers.
 - A. In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit guided writers. (II Pet 1:19-21)
 - B. In the New Testament the Holy Spirit also guided. (Jn 14:26, 15:26)

- IV. The Spirit revealed the mind of God to the apostles.
 - A. Only God's Spirit (HS) knew what was on God's mind. (I Cor 2:1-16)
 - B. The Holy Spirit revealed the mind of God to the apostles.
 - C. Today we can know God's mind by reading the apostles words.
 - D. Thru the apostle's words God has given us everything we need. (II Pet 1:3-4)

- V. The apostles words were from God.
 - A. Paul's words were inspired. (I Cor 14:37, 2 Pet 3:2, 15-16)
 - B. We must obey the apostles words today. (2 Thes 2:13-14)

- VI. The effects of inspiration.
 - A. On the apostles.
 1. Allowed them to speak without study. (Matt 10:18-20)
 2. Enabled them to reveal the mind of God.
 - B. On us today.
 1. Allows us to know God's mind and his will.
 2. We must study God's will.
 3. We can know the scheme of redemption not before revealed. (Eph 3:4-5)

Conclusion: We must obey God's word today in all things. It is the mind of God and we dare not add to it nor take away from it. We cannot improve on God's thinking. His word is the final authority for all things regarding worship and living. The innovations we now see in many churches are because man has rejected the mind of God.