

The Sufficiency of Scripture (Psalm 19:7-14; 2 Tim 3:14-7) *Sola Scriptura!*

- One of the well known slogans of the reformation: '*Sola Scriptura* – Bible alone
- Reformation brought the church back to doctrine & practice in Scripture alone
- All of our teaching & doctrine must conform to the Bible and only the Bible
- Why is the Bible so unique? Why is the Bible so important to the church?

I. Scripture is God Breathed

- Scripture is as it were the very breath of God Himself: God breathed it into being
- The Bible is both a divine book and a human book – much like Jesus Christ.
- God used men & their character to write Scripture: but every word is God's word

II. All of Scripture/ the Whole of Scripture is God Breathed

- Everything that can be called Scripture is God breathed – it originated from God.
- Scripture literally means what is written. Paul: referencing the Old Testament
- Paul speaks: holy / sacred writings. From a holy God, written by holy men (15)
- God brought the books of the Old Testament and New Testament into being
- Scriptures cannot be added to / subtracted from, they are complete: Rev 22:18,19

II. Because Scripture is God Breathed, It Reflects Something of God

- 1) Bible reflects God that God is absolutely true & can never lie: **Num 23:19**
 - 2) God knows all things God can never make a mistake in what He says since He knows everything (John 21:17)
 - 3) God is eternal, just like God His Words are Eternal (Isa 40:8; Matt 24:35)
 - 4) God's glory is seen in Jesus Christ, Jesus is the Word of God incarnate (Heb 1:3; Col 1:15; Eph 3:4-5)
- The mystery of Christ had been hidden up to the times of the NT- no revealed: 2 Cor 3:16- (2 Tim 3:15)