



## The Bible: Inerrant & Infallible

### 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- 1) What Scripture is; its origin (3:16a)
  - a) It is the writings of the OT prophets & NT apostles
  - b) Instruction for mankind, *breathed-out* by God
  - c) As given by God, it is inerrant in its original form
- 2) What Scripture does; its purpose (3:16b-17)
  - a) Spiritually profits God's people when properly taught
  - b) Takes learners from ignorance to enlightenment
  - c) Exposes sin & rebukes sinful practices
  - d) Corrects & reveals God's way
  - e) Instructs in the way of righteousness
    - i) To make us complete; fully capable
    - ii) Equips us for every good work
- 3) Observations about Scripture
  - a) Written by 40+ authors; 3 languages; 3 continents
  - b) God revealing His will through man's pen
  - c) Inerrancy: the Bible tells the truth w/o error
  - d) Infallibility: the Bible is reliable in all it says
  - e) Verbal, plenary inspiration: words & phrases from Genesis to Revelation
  - f) *We cannot pick and choose from the Bible what we want to believe is inspired. The Bible loses its power over our lives when we limit it to what we want it to say.*