

IS THE BIBLE GOD’S AUTHORITATIVE WORD? (Inspiration & Authority)

A. Determining the OPTIONS (What Is the Final Authority for Life & Truth?)

1. The possible authority of _____. (1 Cor. 1:17-24)

2. The possible authority of _____. (Matt. 15:1-9)

3. The possible authority of _____. (2 Peter 1:15-21)

4. The possible authority of _____. (John 17:14-17)

B. Defining the TERMS (What Do Certain Key Words Mean?)

1. “Revelation” – God’s act of communicating _____ to _____.

2. “Inspiration” – the supervising work of the _____ exercised on the _____ of Holy Scripture so as to insure that the _____ Bible is an inerrant record of God’s truth.

3. “Inerrancy” – this means the Bible is _____.

4. “Illumination” – this is the work of the Holy Spirit in granting _____ and _____ of God’s truth in a person’s life.

C. Discerning the BIBLE’S CLAIMS (What Does the Bible Say About Itself?)

1. The Scriptures claim to be the _____ of God’s truth.

* *How has God revealed His truth?* (Deut. 18:9-22; Ps. 19:1; John 1:18)

* *Why would it be necessary for God to reveal Himself to man?* (1 Cor. 2:6-13)

2. The Scriptures claim to be _____ by God. (2 Timothy 3:16)

* *What does verse 16 literally mean?*

* *What is the extent of the Bible's inspiration?*

* *Who were the instruments God used for the Bible's inspiration? (2 Peter 1:20-21; John 14:26)*

* *What does all of this teach us about the Bible? (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10)*