

SUFFICIENCY OF THE SCRIPTURES PART TWO II TIMOTHY 3:16

The greatest man who ever lived or will ever live is the Lord Jesus Christ. He stands monumentally in perfection against the deplorable backdrop of fallen and depraved humanity.

God became man, unique and all-powerful authority.

The historian Philip Schaff (*The Person of Christ*), American Tract Society, 1913) vividly describes its uniqueness along with its Savior: "This Jesus of Nazareth, without money and arms, conquered more millions than Alexander, Caesar, Mohammed, and Napoleon; without science and learning, He shed more light on things human and divine than all philosophers and scholars combined; without the eloquence of schools, He spoke such words of life as were never spoken before or since, and produced effects which lie beyond the reach of orator or poet; without writing a single line, He set more pens in motion, and furnished themes for more sermons, orations, discussions, learned volumes, works of art and songs of praise than the whole army of great men of ancient and modern times."

His present influence is no less amazing.

Kenneth Scott Latourette (*A History of Christianity*, Harper and Row, 1953), former Yale historian, says: "It is evidence of his importance, of the effect that he has had upon history and presumably, of the baffling mystery of his being that no other life ever lived on this planet has evoked so huge a volume of literature among so many peoples and languages, and that, far from ebbing, the flood continues to mount." 28/44

And what did He have to say?

Christ believed and demonstrated that Scriptures were sufficient to know –

Origin	Divine Creation
Purpose	Meaning of Life
Destiny	Plan of Ages & Beyond

In them, He taught we can find –

- Hope of Resurrection
- Peace in Affliction
- Joy In Daily Living

He pointed out –

Did they believe Him? Let's look over shoulders as writing:

1. Peter (1 Peter 1:22-25) and Paul (I Thess. 2:13). Stated their message was – Word of God.
2. John (1 John 1-4) said he wrote what witnessed and it was for all times.

3. They commanded their words to have equal standing with Old Testament. Col. 4:16; I Thess. 5:27; Rev. 1:3
4. They said given by Holy Spirit (I Corin. 2:13).
5. Commanded by Lord – 2 Thess. 3:6-15 and 1 Corin. 14:37.
6. They taught that orthodoxy only measured by submissive adherence to their teaching. I John 4:6; 2 John 9-10; 3 John 9-10