

1. THIS WORD OF GOD: Scripture is not the product of man alone, or God alone, but is authored by both, being _____ written by men and inspired by God.
 - a. God *does not* _____ human agency or will to _____ produce Scripture.
 - God does not use “speech-to-text,” telling them exactly what to write.
 - God does not _____ them or take control of their mind and body.
 - b. God *does* _____ the natural gifts, personalities, histories, language, and cultural inheritance of the Biblical writers.
 - The words, ideas and intentions are properly speaking their own.
 - Scripture is not in-humane, though it has super-human origin. It is the words of _____ to _____.
 - In this way God is operating _____ through the authors.
 - c. God *does* breathe-out or inspire the ideas and the _____ themselves. This is _____.
 - God takes them up as it into his _____
 - If God had not acted upon them in the act of inspiration they would not write what they wrote.
 - d. When we say God inspires Scripture, we acknowledge it is a Trinitarian act like we see at Creation.
 - The Father speaks the Son through the perfecting agency of the Spirit.

❖ Scriptures are all about Jesus, and in this way all about how man might be saved from sin.

 - Divine speech comes from God _____ creaturely agency as it is made fruitful by the Spirit.
2. AS PETER SAYS, AND AS GOD WROTE WITH HIS OWN HANDS: Scripture itself _____ the doctrine of inspiration.
 - a. The Biblical writers were _____ to say certain things because God acted upon them by his external communication (1 Peter 1:20b-21):

No prophesy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophesy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.
 - b. They were both _____ to “write the vision and make it plain on tablets” (Hab 2:2) and understood what *they* wrote to be the very word of the Lord (2 Peter 3:1-2)

This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment *of the Lord and Savior through* your apostles.
 - c. Even though these words were Spoken by men they can be properly called God’s own word that he wrote with his _____ hand (Exodus 4:12, 15-16):

¹²Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.”
¹⁵You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do. ¹⁶He shall speak for you to the people, and *he shall be your mouth, and you shall be as God to him.*
 - d. “Moses wrote down the Words of the Lord” (Exodus 24:4) which are referred to later as having been written by “the _____ of God” (Deuteronomy 9:10).
 - e. God’s Trinitarian creative acts in Genesis _____ the trinitarian act in the inspiration of Scripture.
 - Direct and immediate Divine Word where God the Father’s speech _____ bring something out of nothing: “Let there be...and there was” (Genesis 1:3).
 - Indirect and mediated Divine Word where the Spirit broods over the waters to make the creative word fruitful, and works within creation that it might _____ its created end: “Let the earth sprout...and it was so” (Genesis 1:11).
 - The inspiration of Scripture is an indirect and mediated act of _____ calling and enabling men to “sprout” a divine word that it might “be so.”

3. FROM A SPECIAL CARE GOD HAS FOR US: God freely gives an _____ word without which we cannot be saved.
- a. In a world of Epistemological uncertainty, we can be _____ in what we believe. It's not made up.
- Reason and experience, genius, science...they all need to be _____.
- ❖ Need something from outside (ecc. 1)
- We need something to rule over our lives and serve as objective _____ and _____ worthy of our hearty faith.
- b. Even though God is infinitely _____ from us, he gives us *his* word suitable to our understanding all about how we can be saved.
- We don't even have the _____ to interpret general revelation or our own nature properly.
- c. Because it is inspired_by God and written_by men is a message from _____ to _____.