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The Scriptures:

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy.

It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried.

All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

“God for its author”

“The idea the term presents is that God has breathed his character into Scripture so that it is inherently inspired. Paul was not asserting that the Scriptures are inspiring in that they breathe information about God into us, even though the statement is true.

The Scriptures owe their origin and distinctiveness to God himself. This is the abiding character of Scripture. In affirming the inspiration of Scripture, Paul declared the fact of inspiration without discussing the process by which inspiration took place.”

“God for its author”

“This volume is the writing of the living God... everywhere I find God speaking: it is God’s voice, not man’s; the words are God’s words, the words of the Eternal, the Invisible, the Almighty, the Jehovah of this earth. The Bible is God’s Bible; and when I see it, I seem to hear a voice springing up from it, saying, ‘I am the book of God; man, read me.’”

Charles Spurgeon

“God for its author”

2 Peter 1:20-21

20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation.

21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

“salvation for its end,”

Deuteronomy 6:1-2

1 These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, **2** so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.

“salvation for its end,”

John 5:39-40

39 You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, **40** yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

“salvation for its end,”

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

“salvation for its end,”

Romans 10:9-11

9 If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. **11** As the Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

“and truth”

The Bible is: **Authoritative**

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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“and truth”

“The canonical Scripture is the voice of God in the world. It has an authority, or right to command, corresponding to its divine Author. For this reason, we submit our thoughts and moral standards to the Bible.”

Reformation Study Bible

“and truth”

The Bible is infallible:

Isaiah 55:11

**so is my word that goes out from
my mouth: It will not return to
me empty, but will accomplish
what I desire and achieve the
purpose for which I sent it.**

“and truth”

The Bible is inerrant:

John 17:17

**Sanctify them by the truth;
your word is truth.**

“and truth”

The Bible is sufficient:

Deuteronomy 4:2

**Do not add to what I
command you and do not
subtract from it, but keep the
commands of the LORD your
God that I give you.**

“and truth”

The Bible is eternal:

1 Peter 1:24-25

24 For, “All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, **25** but the word of the Lord stands forever.” And this is the word that was preached to you.

“a testimony to Christ”

Hebrews 1:1-2

1 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

“a testimony to Christ”

Luke 24:25-27

25 He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! **26**

Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” **27** And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Applications

- **Commit to read His Word daily**
- **Commit to follow His Word daily**
- **Commit to share His Word daily**

Final Thoughts

Romans 16:25-27

25 Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past,

26 but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him - **27** to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.