
The Gospel, the Scriptures & Our Hunger for God

1. Paul's Charge to Timothy:

Continue in what you've learned & firmly believed

- based on who disciplined you (v14)

- because the Scriptures make you wise for salvation (v15)

2. Paul's Doctrine of Scripture:

why the Word makes us wise for salvation

- **Scripture's Origin: all Scripture is God-breathed** (v16)

→ Inspiration: God spoke/breathed thru the writing of human authors

→ Inerrancy: Scripture is without error (in all that it teaches)

→ Infallibility: Scripture is incapable of failing
(in its purpose, or to do what God has said, etc.)

→ What should be considered Scripture? For OT: no disputes about what the OT Scriptures were in NT days. For Apocrypha: does not claim to be Scripture; sometimes contradicts it. For NT: was it written by an apostle (or someone associated with an apostle), does it agree with the OT & gospel message, was it accepted by the early church?

→ Why don't we add to Scripture anymore? Two primary reasons Scripture was written or added to: 1) God did a new act in salvation history (e.g. promise to Abraham; anointed David king); 2) God gave new revelation. With the coming of Christ, God's revelation is complete & His final act of salvation history has begun (what is still to take place has been foretold & is connected to His 1st coming).

- **Scripture's Purpose: all Scripture is profitable for teaching, discipline, training & equipping** (vs16-17)

3. Paul's Hunger for God:

why he was devoted to God & His word

- he saw God's glory (1Ti 1:11,17)

- he experienced Jesus' grace (1Ti 1:12-16)

- he set his hope on the living God (1Ti 4:10)

- he knew the fulfilling joy of godliness with contentment (1Ti 6:6-19)