

SERMON NOTES

Can I have confidence
the Bible is trustworthy?
2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12;
2 Peter 1:20-21

I. Look to the scripture as trustworthy !

A. External Evidence

“There is more evidence that the New Testament is an accurate historical record than for any book from the ancient world.” Norman Geisler

B. Internal Evidence

Old Testament evidence – “Thus says the Lord,” “The Lord said”
Exodus 4:10-12; Exodus 34:27; Psalm 119

New Testament evidence -

“No other passage in the New Testament speaks so concisely of the nature and work of God’s Word in salvation and sanctification. In this text (*2 Timothy 3:16*), the spiritually transforming power of divine revelation is delineated.” John MacArthur

- Jesus treated Old Testament passages as statements of fact.
- Jesus used the Old Testament as the final arbiter in all matters of faith and conduct
- Jesus viewed the Old Testament as predicting his life and ministry
- Jesus stated the authority of the Old Testament in John 10:35

II. Live as the scripture is your authority !

2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21

Theopneustos (inspired by God) literally means, “breathed out by God,” or simply, “God-breathed.”

III. Lean on the scripture in its sufficiency!

Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16

God’s Word is sufficient to meet every need of the human soul as David verifies frequently in his psalms. Psalm 19:7-14 is the most comprehensive statement regarding the sufficiency of Scripture.

Three steps to being equipped by God’s Word:

- Know It *Psalm 119:11*
- Be Led By It *Psalm 119:105*
- Obey It *Psalm 119:9; Matthew 7:24; James 1:22*