



Grace Bible Chapel

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Pastor Ken's Biblical Nuggets

We Can Depend Upon The Scriptures Alone For Salvation pt-1

(Ken's Commentary: Your Soul Depends Upon Getting This Right)

Essential Biblical Doctrines:

1. **Sola Scriptura:** (What is “Sola Scriptura?”)

The Latin phrase *Sola Scriptura*, means the “Bible alone”. Sola carries the idea of “alone.” And the word “Scriptura” means “writings” - referring to the Scriptures. Therefore, Sola Scriptura means the the Scriptures alone is authoritative for the faith and practice of the Christian. “But these are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God: and that believing you might have life through His Name” (Jn. 20:31). **“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16).**

a. “All Scripture” - that is, every individual “Scripture” (in the original text) is included in this reference, not just the thoughts, but the actual writings, the words written down. Thus the words, not just the “thoughts,” are inspired of God. This one verse repudiates the idea of “partial inspiration” and also that of so-called “dynamic inspiration.” The true doctrine is verbal inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. Since God is omniscient, the Scriptures are infallible and free from error of any kind. All “Scripture” refers to the Old Testament, but by implication to the writings of the New Testament as well. “Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven” (Ps. 119:89). God's Word will not change as is always spiritually relevant. This reassuring word, stresses both the eternal origin and eternal duration of God's Word. (Jn. 5:39; 7:38; 1 Cor. 15:1-5).

b. “Inspiration of God” - “Given by inspiration of God” is all one in the Greek, meaning “God-breathed.” This word refutes any idea of human inspiration. Sometimes God told the Bible writers the exact words to say; “The Word of the Lord came unto me saying ... to Abram, to Samuel, Nathan, Solomon, to Elijah, Isaiah, to Jeremiah, Ezekiel, to Jonah, Haggai, Zechariah, over 200 other times (Ex. 24:12; 31:18; 32:16; Dt. 9:10; Ezek. 21:8; Jer. 1:4, 13; Jon. 1:1; Mic. 1:1; Zep. 1:1). It is important to note that inspiration applies only to the original autographs of Scriptures, not the Bible writers, there are no inspired Scripture writers, only inspired Scripture. We might call into question, so-called inspired poems and songs, but there is no calling into question the infallible Word of God (Ps. 119:160; Isa. 40:8; Mt. 24:35; Ro. 3:4; Rev. 22:18-19). Therefore, because Scripture comes from God Himself, it is profitable in many ways, ultimately leading us to righteousness, maturity, and service.

C. “Profitable For Doctrine” - “Doctrine” is the same as “teaching.” All that the Bible teaches is true and profitable for study. And the Book of Romans records the great doctrines of the faith. The doctrines of Condemnation (1:18-2:23), Justification (3:24-5:1), Sanctification (5:2-21), Consecration (6:1-7:25), and Glorification (8:18-30). However, the lost doctrine in the church today is the doctrine of Condemnation. The average church is filled with lost folk who think they are right with God, because they were welcomed by a “pastor” into a religious social club. Therefore, churches are filled with religiously lost church-members, who think they are saved based upon a religious experience, or because they were baptized. The Lord Jesus said: “And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil” (Jn. 3:19).

D. “Reproof” - “Reproof” means “**conviction**” or “evidence.” We find this word in Hebrews 11:1 “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” The Lord Jesus said: “And when He (the Holy Spirit) is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment; of sin, because they believe not on Me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged” (Jn. 16:8-11). The first and chief responsibility of the Holy Spirit is to bring under conviction the **world**. And to “**guide believers into all truth.**” “Correction is grievous unto him that forsakes the way; and he that hates reproof shall die” (Pro. 15:10).

E. “Correction” - “Correction” means “setting right.” It's like unto a bone out of joint and needs to surgically reset. “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest you also be tempted” (Gal. 6:1). The fault here is actually a “transgression” - that is willful sin. Assuming that the man or woman is indeed a Christian, those who are walking in the Spirit should seek to restore him. This should be done carefully and gently, as led by the Spirit. Even those who are spiritual, when dealing with fellow believers who are carnal Christians are in danger either of becoming tempted into similar sin or into self-righteous judgmentalism. “Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall” (1 Cor. 10:12).

F. “Instruction in Righteousness” - The Scriptures not only teach doctrine, but also provide evidence of their truth. The thought here is child-training. Therefore, its incumbent upon the elders to understand that this not merely rebuking and correction of wrong behavior, but we are to “submit one to another in the fear of God” (Eph. 5:21). “Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they must give account, ... (Heb. 13:17).

The Roman Catholic Church: “The Doctrine of Sola Scriptura is not taught in the Bible.”

The Catholic, on the other hand, hold that the immediate or direct rule of faith is the teaching of the Church; the Church in turn takes her teaching from divine Revelation – both the written Word, and the oral or unwritten Word known as “Tradition.” The Church headed by the Pope, who has a God-given mission to interpret and teach both Scripture and tradition. Any other theology is man-made.