

The Voice of Truth

John 16:12-15

1. Revelation: The Bible is revealed (16:12)

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"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now."

Revelation = an uncovering, unveiling, or disclosure (of God).

Progressive revelation: God's Word is revealed gradually.

Natural revelation: What is observed of God in nature.

Rom. 1:20; Psalm 19:1-4, "The heavens declare the glory of God."

Special revelation: Supernaturally revealed truths (Bible, miracles)

Heb. 1:1-2 We no longer expect God to speak through prophets.

1 Cor 2:11 Man can only know God's mind if God reveals it.

2. Inspiration: The Bible comes through apostles (16:13a)

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth." This does not refer to illumination (The Spirit aiding us to understand Scripture (see **1 Cor 2:14**).

2 Timothy 3:16 The Bible is "God-breathed" (*theopneustos*).

Inspiration: "God's superintendence of the human authors of Scripture so that using their own individual personalities, they composed and recorded without error His revelation to man in the words of the original autographs." (Charles Ryrie)

2 Peter 1:20-21 "men spoke from God..."

"The Bible is not such a book a man would write if he could, or could write if he would." L.S. Chafer

2 Peter 1:20-21 "they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

Carried along = "to bear, deliver, uphold, pick up and move."

Acts 27:15-17, the same term refers to a ship being upheld and moved by the wind of a storm.

Verbal/Plenary inspiration: Verbal refers to the words (**Matt 5:18**)

Plenary inspiration means all parts are equally inspired (**2 Tim 3:16**)

Inerrancy: The necessary conclusion of a book that God inspired by word and in its entirety is that it is perfect, without error.

(**Prov. 30:5** Every word proves true; **Psalm 19:7** Law is perfect)

Preservation: God's promise to preserve His Word (**Mt. 5:18**).

Caesar's Gallic Wars (50 BC) = 10 manuscripts.

Aristotle's Poetics (335 BC) = 5 manuscripts.

3. Canon: The Bible is complete (16:13)

(**16:13**) The Spirit will guide the apostles into all truth.

The Spirit speaks the Words of Christ and the Father.

Ontological subordination: A being is fundamentally weaker.

Economic subordination: A being lines up under another.

Q: Who are the ones the Spirit will use to transmit Scripture?

(**16:13**) "He will guide you [the apostles] into all the truth."

All the rest of Scripture will come from under apostolic authority.

All truth will continue to be revealed until "**things to come**."

Rev. 22:18 Do not add to the prophecy of this book.

*Note: Not the same warning as in **Deuteronomy 4:2**.*

There is no more truth after Revelation. The Bible is complete.

Canon = "measuring rod"

4. Christo-centricity: The Bible is all about Jesus (16:14-15)

"He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

(**16:14-15**) The Spirit delivers Christ's words, which belong to God.

Unity of the Bible: The Bible will not contradict itself.

Rule of interpretation: Compare 1 unclear scripture to many clear.

"He will glorify me" demonstrates that the Bible is about Jesus.

Jesus, and His redemption, is the metanarrative of the Bible.

Narrative = the story, message

Meta = beside, with or among.

Illus: Quantum Leap

John 5:39 The Scriptures bear witness of Christ.

Luke 24:27 (*Road to Emmaus*) "Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself."

Illus: The Rosetta Stone

Jesus is the Rosetta stone that makes sense of the collection of stories, sacrifices and people of the Old Testament.

