

Systematic Theology – Week 2

I. Bibliology

A. Why is this necessary?

B. Definition:

The Greek word *biblos* means “book” or “scroll” and refers to all the books of the *Bible*. The Greek word *logos* (“word”) implies the study of these books and the truths and doctrines within their pages.

II. Revelation

A. Revelation – God’s disclosure of Himself to mankind

Why is it necessary?

B. Two types of Revelation

1. _____ Romans 1:20-23; Ps. 19

2. _____ II Tim. 3:16-17; Ps. 19

III. Inspiration

A. Definition

God supernaturally directing the writers of Scripture so that without waiving their human intelligence, their individuality, their literal style, their personal feelings, or any other human factor, His own complete coherent message to man was recorded in perfect accuracy, the very words of Scripture bearing the authority of divine authorship. (Lewis Sperry Chafer, Systematic Theology)

Problem:

II Tim. 3:16

“The doctrine of plenary inspiration holds that the original documents of the Bible were written by men, who, though permitted the exercise of their own personalities and literary talents, yet wrote under the control and guidance of the Spirit of God, the result being in every word of the original documents a perfect and errorless recording of the exact message which God desired to give to man.” (Frank E. Gaebelein)

Question: Who is the author of the bible?

B. Theories of Inspiration:

1. Dictation –

Problem:

2. Natural (human inspiration)

Problem:

3. Partial

Problem:

4. Dynamic

Problem:

C. Correct views of the bible:

- 1) Plenary – all parts of Scripture are inspired, fully and completely

Matt 5:18; 22:31-32; Gal 3:16

- 2) Verbal – every single word was inspired
Gal. 3:16

- 3) Inerrancy – without error

God's Revelation (the Bible) was recorded/written without error. John 17:17; Jer. 15:16

- 4) Bible is Holy

The Bible is holy (2 Tim 3:15). The word "holy" means "set apart" and the Bible is set apart from all other works as inspired by God.

5) The Bible is eternal (Matt 5:17-18; 1 Pet 1:25). The Word of God will not pass away. God has determined to protect His Word and we can have great confidence that what has been delivered to us is complete (Jude 1:3).

6) The Bible is authoritative (Matt 4:4, 7, 10).

7) The Bible accomplishes its purpose (Heb 4:12; Isa 55:11).

8) Infallibility

Titus 1:2, I Peter 2:2

There are no mistakes in what is declared in Scripture

9) God's Word is fully reliable as Truth.

10) Sufficiency of the bible

God's Word is totally sufficient to save us.

2 Ti 3:16-17; Ps 19:7-11; 119:11,38,133,165; 2 Pe 1:2-4

11) Relevancy of the Bible

Does the Scripture change in authority as the culture changes? 1 Co 10:8-11

The *Purpose* of Inspiration = Guarantee that God's revelation is **recorded**