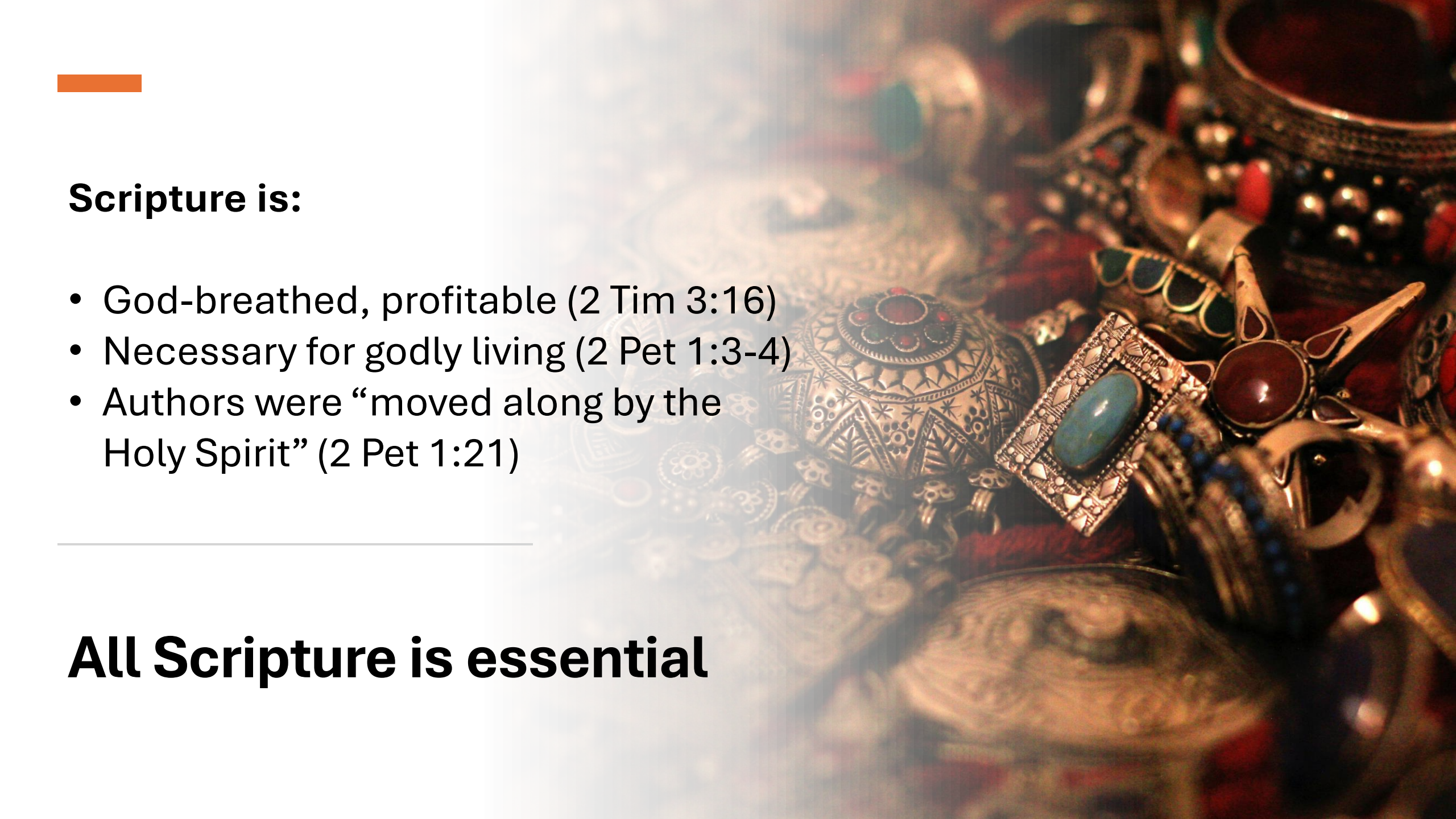




To Him Who Loves Us

Revelation 1:5b-6



Scripture is:

- God-breathed, profitable (2 Tim 3:16)
 - Necessary for godly living (2 Pet 1:3-4)
 - Authors were “moved along by the Holy Spirit” (2 Pet 1:21)
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All Scripture is essential



We give eternal praise to
Jesus our King
for His ongoing love that sets
us free and makes us a priestly
kingdom

Revelation 1:5b-6 - Message

Do we need Revelation?

“And Revelation is a ‘pledge of his love’. We could do without it; it tells us nothing we could not learn elsewhere in Scripture. But Jesus has given it to us as a sacrament of the imagination, to quicken the pulse...”

(Michael Wilcock, *The Message of Revelation: I saw heaven opened*, p. 222)



Revelation should “set the soul aflame over the gospel which all too often we take for granted”

(Michael Wilcock, *The Message of Revelation*, p. 222)

Revelation As A Treasure



- I. We praise Jesus for **His abiding love for us**
- II. We praise Jesus for **releasing us from our sins**
- III. We praise Jesus for **making us a kingdom of priests**
- IV. Our praise reflects His eternal kingdom **glory and power**

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From eternity past Jesus' love marched
ever forward to the cross, then planted
its flag on Calvary. And it marches ever
forward toward the fulness of His
kingdom!

Jesus' love after the cross in
present tense (Rev 1:5)



Kingdom of God in Scripture

Yahweh exercises
sovereign kingly rule over
all things

and

His rule will one day be
exercised in a kingdom
realm where His people
will rule with Him

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- Witness to God's truth
 - Bodies devoted to spiritual service
 - Present the gospel to the lost
 - Serve God using our finances, offering praise to Him, doing good and sharing

(1 Pet 2:5, 9; Rom 12:1-2; 15:16; Phil 2:17; 4:18; Heb 13:15, 16)

Our Priestly Sacrifices



Forever and ever

Rev 1:6

Lenski explains that “the Greek takes its greatest term for time, the eon, pluralizes this, and then multiplies it by its own plural”

(quoted in Mounce, *The Book of Revelation*, p. 72).