

2 Tim. 3:16 Sun School  
"Reliability of the Bible" 8-14-2022

## 1. Introduction

- a. Scripture can be trusted
  - "More sure word" (2 Pet 1:19)
  - "God's word is truth" (Ps 119:160) (Jn 17:17)
- b. Basic foundation
  - all Scripture
  - is given and
  - is profitable
- c. Context: 2 Tim 3:14-17
  - God simply states that Scripture
    - \* is God's Word (sacred writings)
    - \* Scripture is "God breathed"
    - \* we know from history that all Scriptures written by individual human writers
  - Scripture is profitable
    - \* for several reasons
    - \* ~~first~~ first comes basic teaching
    - \* second shows failures in Christian
    - \* third God wants changes in life
    - \* fourth God looks for Christian growth

## 2. What is theological liberalism?

- a. Some theologians (Bible teachers) question truthfulness of Bible
  - some even deny teachings of Bible
- b. Original doubter of God's Word
  - John 8:44 the Devil father of lies & murderer from the beginning
  - Gen 3:1 the serpent, "Has God really said?..."
  - Job 1:6-7, 2:1-2 Satan is the adversary

## 3. What is secularism?

- a. Living with view or acting like "There is no God."
- b. No reference to Christianity or any religion
- c. Secularism is belief system considering reasons & human experience most important

#### 4. Is the Bible reliable?"

a. All Scripture is inspired

- given by God
- inspired means "God breathed"
- Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."
  - \* Jesus gave them power for service.
  - \* Jesus breathed (blew in air) on the disciples
  - \* Jesus gave them extra help. (like Old Testament prophets) before Pentecost)

b. About 40 people <sup>holy men of God</sup> moved more 1500 years wrote Bible for

#### 5. Bible is durable

a. Has Bible survived from ancient civilizations?

- Yes
- Bible has survived from Egyptian, Persian, Greek, & Roman civilizations
- very few ancient writings have survived
  - \* many ancient writing have less than 100 ancient manuscripts

b. How ~~reliable~~ enduring is Bible?

- Bible has ~~1000~~ 5000+ manuscripts
- they agree with each other

c. Other ancient writings disagree with each other up to 30%

d. God's words endure, are preserved through all generations

- Psalm 12:6-7
- Ps 33:11 God's thoughts to all generations
- Ps 111:7-8 All commandments forever
- Isaiah 40:8 Word of God stands forever

#### 6. Bible has power

a. 2 Tim 3:15 wise for salvation

b. 2 Pet 1:16 power & coming of Jesus

c. Heb 4:12 Word of God living & powerful with Holy Spirit

d. Acts 1:5 "You will be baptized with Holy Spirit"

- Acts 2:4 they were all filled with the Holy Spirit

#### 7. Conclusion

a. 2 Tim 4:2 Preach the Word

b. 1 Cor 2:5 your faith stands in power of God