

THE DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE: PART 4

The centerpiece of reformed theology, recovered at the reformation, is not election, predestination, or even justification by faith, rather it is the doctrine of Scripture.

THE SUFFICIENCY OF SCRIPTURE

Definition: everything we need God to tell us about salvation, for believing him and obeying him is found in Scripture. Simply put, the Scripture is _____.

Examples of this truth being neglected:

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3. _____
4. _____

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT ITS SUFFICIENCY

2 Timothy 3:15–17 says, "*from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*"

Helpful acronym to remember the doctrines of Scripture: **SCAN** (Sufficiency, clarity, authority, and necessity).

Notes: _____

Hebrews 1:1–3 says, "*Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.*"

There is a finality to Christ's work of redemption. In Christ, God's revelation is _____.

WCF and **LBCF** says, "*The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down or necessarily contained in the Holy Scripture, to which nothing is to be added at any time, either by new revelation of the Spirit, or by the traditions of men.*"

While the Scripture do not speak *about* everything, the Scriptures do speak _____ everything.

WCF and **LBCF** says, "*There are some circumstances concerning the worship of God and church government which are common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word which are always to be observed.*"

PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE SUFFICIENCY OF SCRIPTURE

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