



January 22nd, 2023 • 2 Timothy 3:16-17
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The Life-transforming Power of the God-breathed Scriptures

1. All Scripture is breathed out by God (God-breathed, inspired)

- Inspiration: Scripture is inspired by God, spoken, breathed out, by God (v16; Ac 1:16; 2Pe 1:19ff; see also examples of what humans wrote referred to as Scripture, such as Mt 19:4f; Mk 7:9-13; Lk 10:7; 1Ti 5:18; 2Pe 3:16)

- Inerrancy: Scripture is inerrant, without error – in the original manuscripts (Jn 17:17; Eph 1:13; Col 1:5; 2Ti 2:15)

- Infallibility: Scripture is infallible, incapable of failing in its divine & predetermined purpose (Is 55:10f; Ro 1:16; 1Pe 1:22ff)

2. All Scripture is profitable

- for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, (3:16 ESV)

- that the [messenger] of God^[b] may be complete, equipped for every good work. (3:17 ESV)

3. Applying God’s Word to Our Lives

- Believe God’s inspired Word:
with child-like (but not blind) faith in Jesus Christ

- Obey God’s inerrant Word:
in our increasingly disillusioned & self-exalting culture

- Trust God’s infallible Word:
thru the fiery trials of life & with Christ-centered joy & hope

Additional Notes

Some different English Translations of 2 Timothy 3:16a

ESV - All Scripture is breathed out by God

NIV - All Scripture is God-breathed

AMB - All Scripture is God-breathed [given by divine inspiration]

CSB - All Scripture is inspired by God^[a] [^a Lit *breathed out by God*]

NASB - All Scripture is ^[i]inspired by God [ⁱ Lit *God-breathed*]

NLT - All Scripture is inspired by God

EFCA Statement of Faith – #2 The Bible (with Scripture references provided)

We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures (Matt. 1:22; 4:4; 19:4,5; Heb. 1:1-2), both Old and New Testaments (2 Pet. 3:15,16), through the words of human authors (Lk. 1:1-4). As the verbally inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20,21), the Bible is without error in the original writings (Num. 23:19; 2 Sam. 7:28; Prov. 30:5; Ps. 119:96, 160; Matt. 5:18; Jn. 10:35; 17:17; Tit. 1:1,2), the complete revelation of His will for salvation (Lk. 16:29-31; Gal. 1:8,9; 2 Tim. 3:15), and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged (Jn. 17:17; 1 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Pet. 1:23; Ps. 119:44,45, 165). Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches (Matt. 22:29; Rom. 15:4; 2 Tim. 3:16), obeyed in all that it requires (Matt. 28:20; 2 Thess. 3:14; 1 Jn. 2:5), and trusted in all that it promises (Rom. 1:2; 4:21; Heb. 10:23; 2 Pet. 1:4; 3:13).