

**THE NEW TESTAMENT IS  
THE ONLY STANDARD  
FOR RELIGIOUS  
AUTHORITY!!**

# **I. Paul's claim about scripture.**

***“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:***

***That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works”-II Timothy 3:16 & 17.***

## **A. GOD'S WORD FULLY EQUIPS FOR:**

**(1) TEACHING,**

**(2) CONVICTION,**

**(3) CORRECTION, OR RESTORATION, AND**

**(4) TRAINING, OR DISCIPLINE!!**

**B. The phrase “all scripture is given by inspiration of God,” means that “all scripture is spoken by God, or comes from God!”**

**C. This is verified by the following scriptures and many others like them:**

**1. *“Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us”-Matthew 1:22 & 23.***

**2. *“For David himself said by the Holy Spirit, the Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool”-Mark 12:36.***

3. **“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom: teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord”**-Colossians 3:16.

**THE CLAIM OF SCRIPTURE IS THAT THE BIBLE COMES FROM ALL 3 MEMBERS OF THE GODHEAD!!**

**You will see scriptures like ones above thousands of times in the bible!**

## **II. Important points to remember:**

**A. After His resurrection from death, Christ was given “all authority!”**

**1. *“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power (ASV, authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth.***

***Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”-Matthew 28:18 & 19.***

**2. *“I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and I have the keys of hell and death”-Revelation 1:18.***

**3. Christ was presented as head over all things to the church; not the pope!**

***“Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.***

***Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:***

***And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,***

***Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all”-Ephesians 1:20-23.***

## **B. God gave His word to Christ:**

**1. *“For I have given them the words which thou gavest me”-John 17:8.***

**2. *“For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.***

***And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak”-John 12:49 & 50.***

## **C. Christ gave the word to the apostles:**

**1. *“For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me”-John 17:8.***

**2. *“I have given them thy word”-John 17:14.***

**D. The Holy Spirit guided the apostles into all truth:**

**1. *“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you”-John 14:26.***

**2. *“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come”-John 16:13.***

**E. The apostles wrote the commandments of the Lord:**

**1. *“If any man thinketh himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord”-I Corinthians 14:37.***

**2. “Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which you have been taught, whether by word, or by our epistle”-II Thessalonians 2:15.**

**F. The NT is complete and sufficient, and it is God’s last revelation to mankind:**

**1. “And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples which are not written in this book: but these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God: and that believing ye might have life through his name”- John 20:30 & 31.**

**2. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

**That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works”-II Timothy 3:16 & 17.**

**3. “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:**

**Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature: having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust”-II Peter 1:3 & 4.**

***“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you and exhort you that ye should contend earnestly for the faith (here, meaning the NT) which was once (hapax) delivered to the saints”-Jude, verse 3.***

**NOTE: The Greek word “hapax” refers to something done only once, never to be repeated again!**

***“But now once (hapax) in the end of the ages hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself”-Hebrews 9:26b.***

**4. *“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son”-Hebrews 1:1 & 2.***

**G. God warns not to add, nor to subtract from His word:**

**1. *“Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you”-Deuteronomy 4:2.***

**2. *“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:***

***Which is not another; but there be some that would trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.***

***But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed”-Galatians 1:6-8.***

**3. “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son”-II John, verse 9.**

**4. “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the prophecy of this book, God shall take away his part out of the tree of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things written in this book”-Revelation 22:18 & 19.**

**H. The word of Christ will be our judge in the last day:**

**“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day”-John 12:48.**

# I. Summary:

**GOD**



**CHRIST**



**APOSTLES**



**SPIRIT**

**New Testament**

**Written by**

**Inspiration**

**Complete**



**Final**



**Do NOT Add**



**Do NOT Subtract**



# **J. THE STANDARD FOR RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY IS NOT IN:**

- 1. The pope**
- 2. Traditions of men**
- 3. Denominational creed books**
- 4. What we “feel”**
- 5. Any preacher**
- 6. Any man**