Title

The Bible's Role in Faith

Passage

2 Timothy 3:1-17

Main Point

Growing belief and submission to the authority of the bible, is essential for growing as Jesus' disciples and obeying Him as King

Doctrines of the Bible

Bible is Inspired (God Breathed):

God through the _____ so directed the human writers that the finished product was precisely what _____. (2 Tim 3:16, 1 Pt 1:21)

Bible is Sufficient: The bible contains _____ we need God to tell us for salvation, trusting him perfectly and _____ him perfectly. (2 Tim 3:16, Mt 4:4, 1 Pt 2:2)

Bible is Necessary: Needed for knowing the _____, maintaining spiritual life and for knowing _____. (2 Tim 3:16, Rm 10:13-17, Dt. 32:47, Ps 1)

Bible is Authoritative: The words in Scripture are God's words in such a way that to disbelieve or _____any word of it is to disbelieve or disobey God. (2 Ti. 3:16, Jn. 10:35, Rv.22:18-19)

How Faith in Jesus Leads to Trust in the Bible

1. Jesus fully believed, obeyed and followed the Old Testament scriptures as authoritative
    a. Evidenced in Jesus' teaching (Mt. 5:17-18)
    b. Seen in Jesus' use of scripture (Mt. 4, 26:53-56, Mk 7:13, 12:24-36, Lk. 10:25-26)

2. Jesus intended the writing of the New Testament as scripture through His apostles
    a. Apostles specifically appointed for unique authoritative role (Lk. 6:13, Mt. 10:1, Jn. 15:27, 1 Cor 1:3-11, 2 Cor 12:12)
    b. Given special revelation from Jesus through Holy Spirit (Jn. 14:26, 16:12-14, Ga. 1:11-12)
    c. Spoke authoritatively in Jesus' Name (2 Th. 3:6, 1 Cor. 14:37)
    d. Counted their writings as scripture (Col. 4:16, 2 Pt. 3:15-16, 1 Tim 5:18, Lk. 10:7)

3. Obeying Jesus as Lord requires submitting to the bible as authoritative in everything
    a. Historical documents through Holy Spirit evoke our faith in Jesus, who then gives us our doctrine of Scripture

Conclusion

- Selective obedience not an option
- Give the bible free reign to shape you