

Week 4 Scripture Course Notes

Attributes of Scripture Part 2

Intro:

Review:

1. ***Sufficiency of Scripture*** - John 5:39; Acts 17:11. John 20:31; Rom. 15:4; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 1 John 1:1
 - a. Definition -

 - b. Importance of tradition - (John 16:12; 20:30; 21:25; Acts 1:3; 1 Cor. 11:2, 23; 2 Thess. 2:15; 1 Tim. 6:20; 2 John 12; 3 John 13, 14)

 - c. Material vs formal sufficiency

2. ***Clarity of Scripture*** - Deut 29:29; Ps. 119:105; 1 Cor. 2:14-5; 10:15; 2 Peter 1:9
 - a. Definition -

 - b. External vs internal - Psalm 119:130

 - c. Why would God put obscurities in scripture?

3. ***Loving the word of God*** - (Ps 1; Ps 19; John 17:17; 2 Cor 2:4)

Discussion Questions:

1. Martin Luther wrote at the beginning of the Reformation in 1520 “The meaning of Scripture is, in and of itself, so certain, accessible and clear that Scripture interprets itself and tests, judges and illuminates everything else.” Do you agree? Discuss how this principle could be applied when interpreting the text of scripture.
2. Do you think the sufficiency and clarity of scripture should be limited to only essential teachings on salvation? If not how do you know what else is spoken of with sufficient clarity in scripture? If so, how can you tell what the essential teachings are when so many Christian churches disagree?
3. Does affirming the sufficiency and clarity of scripture as described in the lesson undermine the value of preaching or reading biblical commentaries? Why or why not?