

II. Bibliology

A. Inspiration of the Bible

1. Definition of “inspiration”

“It is the method that God used to give us His Word as He used the personalities, vocabularies, and experiences of human authors to record what He wanted His Word to say.” (mine)

“the work of the Holy Spirit in enabling the human authors of the Bible to record what God desired to have written in the Scriptures.” (*Dictionary of Theological Terms*)

“the process of divine causation behind the authorship of Scripture. It refers to the direct act of God on the human author that resulted in the creation of perfectly written revelation. It conveys the mysterious work of the Holy Spirit whereby he used the individual personality, language, style, and historical context of each writer to produce divinely authoritative writings.” (MacArthur & Mayhue, *Biblical Doctrine*, p. 77-78)

“God’s superintendence of the human authors so that, using their own individual personalities, they composed and recorded without error His revelation to man in the words of the original autographs.” (Ryrie, *A Survey of Bible Doctrine*, p. 38)

2. Means of inspiration

- a. Divine author
 1. General revelation
 2. Special revelation
- b. Human authors
 1. Prepared by God
 2. Preserved by God

3. Proofs of inspiration

- a. Scripture’s claims
- b. God’s direct speech
- c. Fulfilled prophecy
- d. Christ’s authentication
 1. The Old Testament was authenticated by Jesus
 2. The New Testament was pre-authenticated by Jesus
- e. Apostle’s claims

B. Canonicity of the Bible

- 1. Definition of Canonicity**
- 2. Old Testament Canonicity**
- 3. New Testament Canonicity**
 - a. The Competency Principle
 - b. The Chronological Principle
 - c. The Credential Principle
 - d. The Consistency Principle
 - e. The Conviction Principle

C. Inerrancy of the Bible

- 1. Definition of Inerrancy**
- 2. Proofs of Inerrancy**
- 3. What's at stake?**

D. Preservation of the Bible

E. Authority of the Bible

- 1. Clarity**
- 2. Sufficiency**

F. Interpretation of the Bible

- 1. Eisegesis**
- 2. Exegesis**