

The Doctrine of the Bible



Divine revelation, inspiration, authority,
and the believer's confidence in
Scripture

The Bible as Divine Revelation

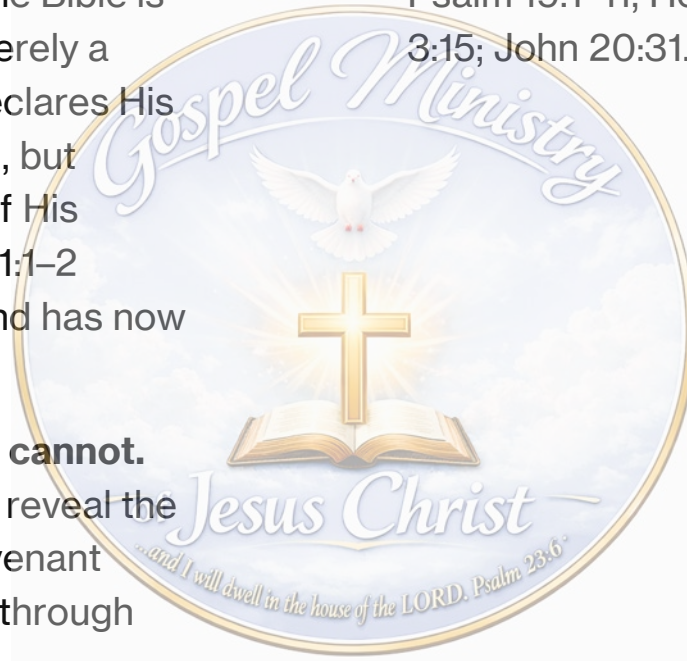
DIVINE REVELATION

God makes Himself known through His Word. The Bible is the written self-disclosure of the living God, not merely a record of human religious experience. Creation declares His power and divine nature (Romans 1:20; Psalm 19:1), but Scripture gives the clearer and saving revelation of His character, will, and redemptive purpose. Hebrews 1:1–2 shows that God spoke in many ways in the past and has now spoken decisively in His Son.

Special revelation gives what general revelation cannot. Nature shows that God exists, but it does not fully reveal the gospel, the way of salvation in Christ, or God's covenant purposes. Scripture makes us wise unto salvation through faith in Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:15).

KEY CROSS-REFERENCES

Psalm 19:1–11; Hebrews 1:1–2; Romans 1:19–20; 2 Timothy 3:15; John 20:31.



GOSPEL MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST

Inspiration of Scripture

GOD-BREATHED SCRIPTURE

All Scripture is inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16). Written by humans in their settings, vocabulary, style; origin is divine. God guided writers so their words are His and fully trustworthy.

MEN SPOKE FROM GOD

**NOT BY
HUMAN WILL.**

Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.



The process is mysterious, but the result is certain and trustworthy.



2 PETER 1:20-21

Scripture is not merely human reflection about God, but divine truth communicated with authority.

God has spoken in written form.

VERBAL AND PLENARY SCOPE

Jesus and the apostles treated the very words of Scripture as significant, not only its general ideas. In Matthew 5:18, Christ affirms that not one jot or tittle shall pass from the law until all is fulfilled. Paul likewise builds his argument in Galatians 3:16 on a singular word, showing confidence in the precision of Scripture.

WHY IT MATTERS

**Because
Scripture is
inspired**

It carries God's authority.

Doctrine

It teaches what is true.

Reproof

It exposes error and sin.

Correction

It restores what is right.

Instruction

It trains in righteousness.

JESUS

Authority and Inerrancy

THE AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE RESTS IN THE CHARACTER OF GOD HIMSELF. BECAUSE GOD IS TRUE, HIS WORD IS TRUE; BECAUSE GOD RULES, HIS WORD RULES. THE LORD JESUS CONSISTENTLY ANSWERED TEMPTATION, CONTROVERSY, AND DOCTRINAL ERROR WITH THE WORDS, 'IT IS WRITTEN,' ESTABLISHING SCRIPTURE AS THE FINAL STANDARD FOR FAITH AND PRACTICE.

DOCTRINE	MEANING		REPRESENTATIVE SCRIPTURES	MINISTRY IMPLICATION
Authority of Scripture	The Bible has the right to command belief and obedience because it is the Word of God.		Isaiah 8:20; Matthew 4:4; John 10:35	The church must submit to Scripture above tradition, culture, or personal opinion.
Truthfulness of Scripture	God's Word is truth in all that it teaches.		Psalms 119:160; John 17:17	Believers can trust Scripture completely in doctrine, morality, and the gospel message.
Inerrancy	In the original writings, Scripture is without error.		Numbers 23:19; Titus 1:2; Proverbs 30:5	Confidence in the Bible produces confidence in

OF SCRIPTURE

The Canon

FOUR-STAGE FLOW

STAGE 1: REVELATION
DEUT. 31

God gave inspired writings through prophets and apostles; their authority was divine from the beginning.

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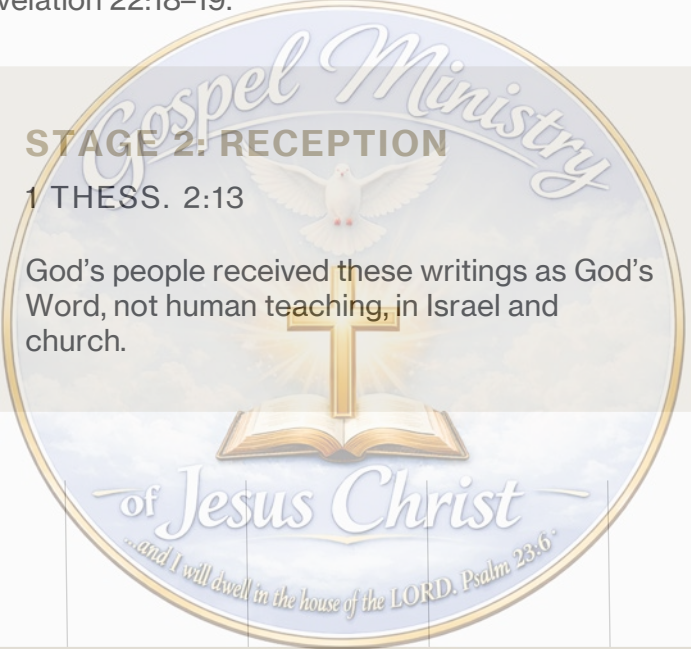
STAGE 4: CHRISTOCENTRIC TESTIMONY

The completed canon testifies to Christ. Luke 24:27, 44 shows that Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms point to him, and Revelation 22:18–19 closes with a solemn warning concerning the prophetic Word.

Key cross-references: Deuteronomy 31:24–26; Daniel 9:2; Luke 24:27, 44; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 3:15–16; Revelation 22:18–19.

STAGE 2: RECEPTION
1 THESS. 2:13

God's people received these writings as God's Word, not human teaching, in Israel and church.

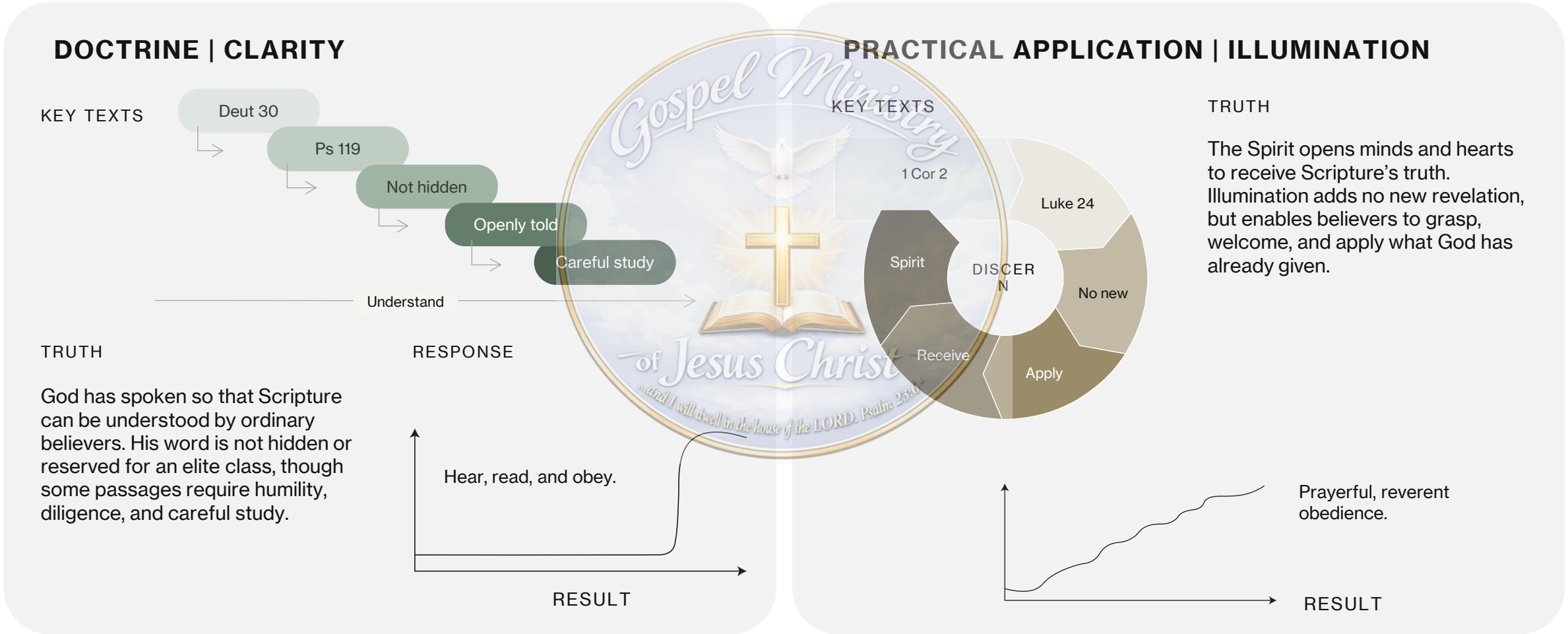


STAGE 3: RECOGNITION
2 PET. 3:15–16

The church recognized, not created, the canon, acknowledging books God had already given.

DOCTRINE AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Clarity and Illumination



CHECKLIST / ACTION PLAN

Sufficiency of Scripture

SALVATION

Scripture reveals the gospel plainly and fully, making sinners wise unto salvation through faith in Christ. No additional revelation is needed beyond the written testimony to Christ.

DAILY OBEDIENCE

Psalm 119 presents the Word as a lamp for holiness, endurance, worship, and hope. Christians must read it, believe it, meditate on it, and live under it.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Second Timothy 3:16–17 shows Scripture equips the believer for every good work. The Word sanctifies, nourishes, and builds up through truth and sound doctrine.

PRACTICAL RESPONSE

Use Scripture as the final rule: read daily, trust its message, test every teaching, and order life around the voice of God in his Word.

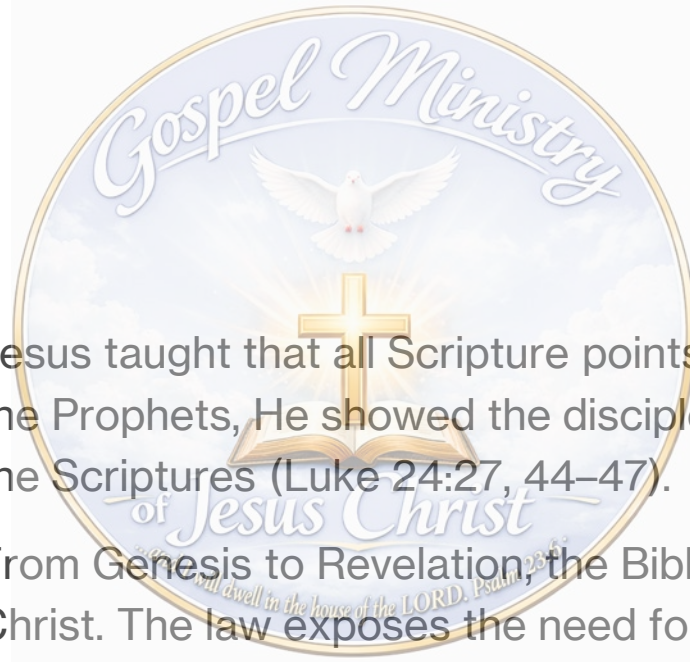
DOCTRINE & DISCERNMENT

Acts 17:11 makes Scripture the test of all teaching. The church must measure traditions, experiences, and authority claims by the written Word, not novelty or popularity.

MINISTRY



Christ at the Center of Scripture



Jesus taught that all Scripture points to Him. Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He showed the disciples the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures (Luke 24:27, 44–47).

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible forms one redemptive witness to Christ. The law exposes the need for Him, the prophets promise Him, the Gospels reveal Him, and the Epistles explain His saving work.

Key cross-references: Genesis 3:15; Deuteronomy 18:15; Psalm 22; Isaiah 53; John 5:39; Acts 10:43; Hebrews 10:1–14; Revelation 19:10.

PRINCIPLES FOR SOUND BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

Interpreting Scripture with Scripture

CLEAR PASSAGES GUIDE

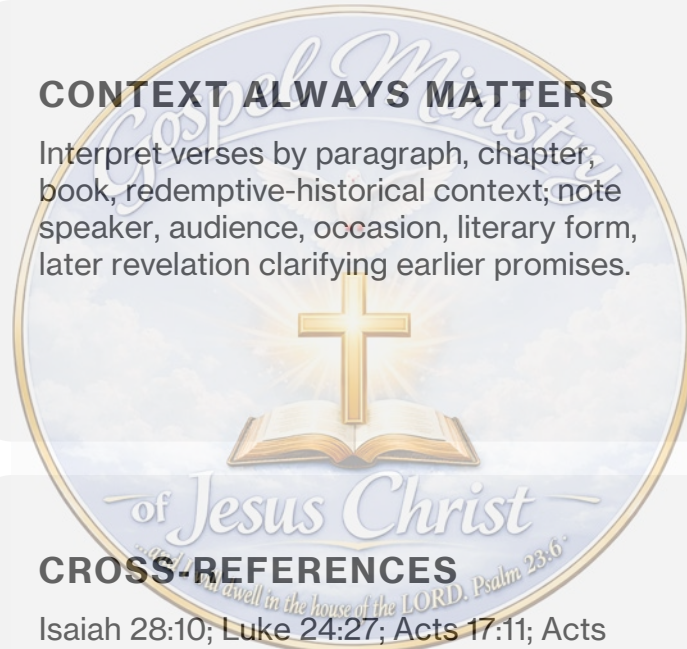
Scripture has one divine author and does not contradict itself. Read harder texts through clearer passages, especially where the gospel, God's character, and salvation are plainly revealed.

DEPENDENCE AND OBEDIENCE

Interpretation requires prayer, humility, obedience; trust Spirit to lead into truth without exceeding or departing from what is written.

CONTEXT ALWAYS MATTERS

Interpret verses by paragraph, chapter, book, redemptive-historical context; note speaker, audience, occasion, literary form, later revelation clarifying earlier promises.



CROSS-REFERENCES

Isaiah 28:10; Luke 24:27; Acts 17:11; Acts 20:27; 2 Peter 1:20–21.

THE ANALOGY OF FAITH

Doctrine should arise from the whole counsel of God, not isolated proof texts. Read law, prophets, gospels, epistles, and prophecy as one unified revelation that interprets itself.

MINISTRY

In ministry, interpret every passage in harmony with the gospel and the whole counsel of God, so Christ is preached faithfully from all Scripture.

JESUS CHRIST

Power, Purpose

THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND POWERFUL, NOT PASSIVE OR ORNAMENTAL. IT CONVICTS THE SINNER, STRENGTHENS THE SAINT, NOURISHES THE CHURCH, AND ADVANCES THE GOSPEL. WHEREVER SCRIPTURE IS FAITHFULLY PROCLAIMED, GOD IS AT WORK TO SAVE, SANCTIFY, CORRECT, AND SUSTAIN HIS PEOPLE.

Purpose of the Word	Description	Key Scriptures
Revelation	God's Word makes His character, will, and redemptive plan known.	Psalms 19:7–11; Hebrews 1:1–2
Regeneration and Faith	The Word is used by God to bring new life and awaken faith in Christ.	Romans 10:17; 1 Peter 1:23; James 1:18
Sanctification	The Word cleanses, matures, and shapes believers in holiness.	John 17:17; Ephesians 5:26
Discernment and Judgment	The Word exposes the heart and judges thoughts and intentions.	Hebrews 4:12–13
Endurance and Hope	The Scriptures provide comfort, stability, and hope for God's people.	Romans 15:4; Psalm 119:50

A PRACTICAL MINISTRY ROADMAP FOR A FAITHFUL GENERATION

Holding Fast to the Word Today

READ THE WORD

Read Scripture reverently and consistently as communion with God, forming conviction, renewing the mind, and guarding against spiritual drift.

STUDY THE WORD CAREFULLY

Handle the Word diligently through context, comparison, prayer, and discipline, cultivating serious biblical understanding in the home, pulpit, and discipleship.

OBEDY THE WORD WHOLEHEARTEDLY

Do not hear without doing. Scripture is given not only to inform the mind, but to govern life, worship, relationships, and witness.

DEFEND THE WORD FAITHFULLY

Contend for the faith with humility and courage, answering error with Scripture and standing on truth with grace.



PROCLAIM THE WORD BOLDLY

The logo is a circular emblem with a gold border. Inside, the words "Gospel Ministry" are written in a white, cursive font at the top. In the center, there is a white dove with its wings spread, perched atop a golden cross. Below the cross is an open book. At the bottom of the circle, the words "of Jesus Christ" are written in a white, cursive font. A small, faint text at the very bottom of the circle reads "...and I will dwell in the house of the LORD. Psalm 23:6".

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