

## Inspiration and Scripture

### A. Authority

Major Premise: Scripture is the Word of God.  
 Minor Premise: God speaks with authority.  
 Conclusion: Scripture speaks with God's full authority.

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| 2 Timothy<br>4:1-2 | I solemnly charge <i>you</i> in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup> <b>Preach</b> the word. |
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preach (*kēryssō*): proclaim after the manner of a herald.  
 herald (*kēryx*): a messenger for the king.

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| Titus 2:15 | These things speak and exhort and reprove with all <b>authority</b> . Let no one disregard you. |
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authority (*epitagē*): a mandate, command

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| 1 Timothy<br>1:1 | Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the <b>commandment (authority)</b> of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, <i>who is</i> our hope,   |
| Titus<br>1:1-3   | Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, <sup>2</sup> in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago, <sup>3</sup> but at the proper time manifested, <i>even</i> His word, in the <b>proclamation</b> with which I was entrusted according to the <b>commandment (authority)</b> of God our Savior, |

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### Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"We have no authority apart from this book, and we either take it as it is or else we must of necessity be in the position in which we say that we are superior to it, and we can pick and choose, and select and reject. There is only one logical, reasonable attitude. Either we do accept the Bible as God's word and God's revelation and submit ourselves to it whether we understand it or not, or else we assert that our understanding is the supreme authority."

### B. Inerrancy

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| John<br>14:26   | But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. |
| John<br>16:12   | I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear <i>them</i> now.  |
| John<br>15:26   | When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is <b>the Spirit of truth</b> who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me  |
| Hebrews<br>6:18 | It is impossible for God to lie!   |
| John<br>17:17   | Your word is <b>truth</b> .  |

#### (1) Origin — Creation vs. Evolution

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| Job 40:10 | Adorn yourself with eminence and dignity,<br>And clothe yourself with honor and majesty. |
| Job 38:4  | Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?                                  |

#### (2) Design — Homosexuality

##### J.D. Greear

"Homosexuality does not send you to hell.  
 You know how I know that?  
 Because heterosexuality does not send you to heaven."

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| 1 Cor<br>6:9-10 | <sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor <i>the</i> covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. |
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| Roman<br>1:26-27 | <sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, <sup>27</sup> and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. |
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### (3) Miracles

“The Bible says it. I believe it. That settles it.”

#### **The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy**, Article XII

- We affirm that Scripture in its entirety is inerrant, being free from all falsehood, fraud, or deceit.
- We deny that Biblical infallibility and inerrancy are limited to spiritual, religious, or redemptive themes, exclusive of assertions in the fields of history and science. We further deny that scientific hypotheses about earth history may properly be used to overturn the teaching of Scripture on creation and the flood.

### C. Clarity (Perspicuity/Understandability)

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| medieval <i>quadrige</i>     |    |                            |                                |
| • a literal/historical sense | => | the past                   |                                |
| • an allegorical sense       | => | the future                 |                                |
| • a moral sense              | => | the human                  |                                |
| • a spiritual sense          | => | the heavenly               |                                |
| Obscurity                    | => | Allegorical Interpretation | => Magisterium                 |
| Clarity                      | => | Literal Interpretation     | => Priesthood of All Believers |

Obscurity in the OT: Genesis 11:1-9

Obscurity in the NT: Matthew 13:10-15; Mark 4:10-12

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| Mark<br>4:10-12 | <sup>10</sup> As soon as He was alone, His followers, along with the twelve, <i>began</i> asking Him <i>about</i> the parables. <sup>11</sup> And He was saying to them, “To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but those who are outside get everything in parables, <sup>12</sup> so that while seeing, they may see and not perceive, and while hearing, they may hear and not understand, otherwise they might return and be forgiven.” |
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John Harris, *Conversations That Matters*

- Image of God = Equal Social Status/Egalitarianism
- Gospel Issue = Social Justice
- The Whole Gospel = The Gospel + Social Justice
- Pro-Life = Socialist Health Care
- Racial Reconciliation = Critical Race Theory, a.k.a., Race Marxism
- Humility = Standpoint Epistemology
- The Kingdom = Marxist Utopia
- Repent and Lament = Feel Guilty for Others' Sins
- Being Divisive = Pointing out Compromises and Heresies
- A Good Witness to the World = Being Praised & Loved by the World.
- Unity = No Criticism of Woke Agenda

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| Christianity + Greek Philosophy       | => | Allegorical Interpretation |
| Christianity + Pelagianism            | => | Semi-Pelagianism           |
| Christianity + Enlightenment Thoughts | => | Theological Liberalism     |
| Christianity + Marxian Ideology       | => | Woke Christianity          |

### I. What does clarity mean?

(1) Clarity is an \_\_\_\_\_ quality of divine revelation.

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| Psalm<br>119:105 | Your word is a lamp to my feet<br>And a light to my path. |
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(2) Scripture is intended for \_\_\_\_\_.

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| Psalm<br>119:130 | The unfolding of Your words gives light;<br>It gives understanding to the simple.  |
| Psalm<br>19:7    | The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.   |
| Deut.<br>6:6-7   | <sup>6</sup> These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your sons |

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| 2 Timothy<br>3:15 | and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. |
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(3) *Scripture is clear in its \_\_\_\_\_ matters.*

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| 1 Cor.<br>15:3-4 | <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, |
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## II. What clarity does NOT mean?

(1) *Clarity does not mean \_\_\_\_\_.*

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| 2 Peter<br>3:15-16 | just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, <sup>16</sup> as also in all <i>his</i> letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand |
| 2 Peter<br>3:18    | but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.   |

(2) *Clarity does not mean interpretation is \_\_\_\_\_.*

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(3) *Clarity does not mean Scripture is \_\_\_\_\_.*

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| Deut.<br>29:29 | The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law. |
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## D. Sufficiency

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| Isaiah<br>55:10-11 | <sup>10</sup> | For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,<br>And do not return there without watering the earth<br>And making it bear and sprout,<br>And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; |
|                    | <sup>11</sup> | So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth;<br>It will not return to Me empty,<br>Without accomplishing what I desire,<br>And without succeeding <i>in the matter</i> for which I sent it.       |

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| Matthew<br>28:18-20 | <sup>18</sup> | And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”  |
| 2 Tim<br>4:2-5      | <sup>2</sup>  | preach the word; be ready in season <i>and</i> out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but <i>wanting</i> to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup> But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. |
| Rom<br>10:17        |               | So faith <i>comes</i> from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.  |
| John<br>10:27       |               | My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;  |
| 1 Cor<br>1:22-24    | <sup>22</sup> | For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.  |

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| 1 Cor<br>2:1-5   | And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup> For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. <sup>3</sup> I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, <sup>4</sup> and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God. |
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| 2 Peter<br>1:2-3 | <sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; <sup>3</sup> seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.  |
| John<br>17:17    | Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.   |
| Jude 1:3         | Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about <b>our common salvation</b> , I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for <b>the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints</b> .   |
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| Eph.<br>2:8-10   | <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, <i>it is</i> the gift of God; <sup>9</sup> not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.  |
| 2 Tim<br>3:16-17 | <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and <b>profitable</b> for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that <b>the man of God</b> may be <b>equipped</b> , having been <b>thoroughly equipped</b> for every good work. (LSB)  |

### *Closing Thoughts*

#### **Martin Luther**

“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason . . ., I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. (Here I stand, I can do no other.) May God help me. Amen.”

“If I profess with loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except that little point which the world and the Devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved, and to be steady on all the battlefield besides, is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point.”

|                              | <i>The External Call</i> | <i>The Internal Call</i> |
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| <b>Subject</b>               |                          |                          |
|                              | Romans 10:14             | 1 Peter 2:9              |
| <b>Object</b>                |                          |                          |
|                              | Colossians 1:23          | Romans 8:29-30           |
| <b>Result</b>                |                          |                          |
|                              | Matthew 22:14            | Romans 8:30              |
| <b>Relationship to Faith</b> |                          |                          |
|                              | Romans 10:17             | John 6:63                |