

There are those who stumble at God's Word (**I Peter 2:6-8**) and there are those who scoff (**II Pet. 3:3-10**). But the believer sees Christ and His Word as being precious (**I Pet. 2:1-9**). It is the Word of God that changes us (**II Cor. 3:18**). We are sanctified by the word of truth (**John 17:17**), and it is God's Word that makes us free (**John 8:32**). To believe and follow the Lord Jesus Christ is a mark of the sheep who follow the shepherd. (**John 10:26-27**).

CONCLUSION

In **John 5:39**, we see clearly that Scripture testifies to Jesus Christ, "*Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*" Our faith is upon solid ground as we look into the Scripture to learn of Messiah and His accomplishments on Calvary's cross. We can trust God's Word for it is true from beginning to end. God has given us great assurance and hope. May we rest in Him and put aside all doubts and fears. Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior who was promised throughout Holy Scripture, Amen.

"Being born again,
not of corruptible seed,
but of incorruptible,
by the word of God,
which liveth
and
abideth for ever."

I Peter 1:23

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OF GRACE

"hath appeared to all men." Titus 2:11

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Scripture Cannot Be Broken

*"If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came,
and the scripture cannot be broken. . ."*

John 10:35

+ Infallibility of Scripture +

Our text speaks of the integrity of Holy Scripture in **John 10:35**. When the Lord Jesus Christ says, "*Scripture cannot be broken,*" this is a clear statement of the inerrancy of God's Word. This also includes its inspiration, infallibility, sufficiency, and authority. In other words, the Scripture cannot be annulled, changed, destroyed, or emptied of its force. It is true from beginning to end and can never become non-binding. The Lord Jesus placed a very high honor on Holy Scripture and upheld its inspiration, revelation, and preservation. The Bible is the only book He quoted. May we learn from our Savior and believe and use the same sacred Scripture. Amen.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

II Timothy 3:16



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Acts 16:31

This article will consider what Christ said about the Scripture, and what Scriptures say about Scripture, and what we must say about Scripture.

WHAT CHRIST SAID ABOUT SCRIPTURE

The Lord's answer to the critics was the Holy Scriptures. In the context of **John 10:35**, there is a defense of Christ's Deity and the authority of Scriptures (**vv. 24-38**). In **verse 35**, Jesus quotes from **Psalms 82**, and His argument was, if the Psalmist by the Spirit called leaders in Israel gods, who were given the Word of God and had the authority to rule, why can't he be called the Son of God, sent from Heaven by the Father? In other words, Hebrew Judges in the Old Testament were referred to as gods or magistrates because they were commissioned by God to administer justice. The question is, why would they reject the authority of one sent from Heaven? Jesus Christ has the right to be called the Son of God, and in **vs. 35**, the infallibility of the Scripture is the key to the argument.

The Lord Jesus accepted the Old Testament books as inspired. He regarded them with high respect and accepted their authority (**Mt. 5:17-18**). The Bible is the only book Jesus quoted from. The Lord began His ministry with quoting Scripture (**Luke 4:18-21**) and He ended His ministry with quoting Scripture (**Luke 24:44**). Many times Jesus made reference to the Word of God (**Mat. 4:4,7,10; 12:40; 13:33-35; 19:3-6; 21:42; 22:29,31; 24:15,37-38**). He came to preach and fulfill all Scripture in order to redeem mankind and establish His kingdom. Jesus believed Scripture was prophetically and historically accurate.

WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE SAY ABOUT SCRIPTURE

The Bible calls itself the Word of God. In **II Timothy 3:16**, the word inspiration is used in reference to Holy Scriptures, which means God breathed, "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*" All Scripture is given unto us directly from the mouth of our Creator. In **I Timothy 5:18**, the word Scripture refers not only to the Old Testament, but also to the words of Jesus spoken in the New Testament. Also, in **II Peter**

1:19-21, when men wrote down God's Word as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, it was called Scripture. The Bible is not man's opinion or imagination, but the words of a Holy God. In **I Peter 1:22-25**, the Word of God liveth and abideth forever. The credibility of the gospel is based on Holy Scripture.

In **Duet. 18:15-20**, a prophet was promised to come forth speaking the Word of God and we are to hear Him. This prophet is the Lord Jesus Christ who gave us the final revelation from heaven which is written down by the apostles in the New Testament according to **Hebrews 1:2**, "*Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.*" We are told in **Revelation 22:18-19**, to not add to or take away from Holy Scripture, "*For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*" Here, we see the value and importance placed on the Word of God. In **Psalms 12:6-7**, God's Word is pure and preserved from one generation to the next. The Word of God also converteth the soul (**Ps. 19:7**) and is magnified above God's name (**Ps. 138:2**). The Scriptures themselves testify to being God's Holy Word.

WHAT WE MUST SAY ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE

In order to be saved or to please God in our Christian life we must confess the truth of God's word according to **Rom. 10:9** "*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*" The word confess, means to say the same thing as God has said, that is, to admit, to acknowledge, or to declare to be true. It is the Word of God that brings forth the new birth (**I Peter 1:23**). For faith cometh by hearing and believing what God has said in **Rom. 10:17**, "*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*"