

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Godbreathed

Necessary for salvation ...

- I. The Holy Bible
 - A. God-Breathed
 - B. Authority
 - C. Profitable
- II. Wholly Embraced
 - A. Believed
 - B. Taught
 - C. Applied

... sufficient for faith and life.

Children, Listen ...

1. Where does Paul say all Scripture (the Bible) comes from?
2. God gave us His Word, but who wrote the Bible?
3. Does the Bible tell us all we need to know about the glory of God and how to live our life for Him?
4. Why does the pastor make sure it is clear when the reading the Bible ends and where the sermon begins?

When God Speaks

Adherence to and application of the truth of the Bible is essential to the life of the Christian and the operations of the church. This is true based on the nature of Scripture – it is the Word of God. Paul uses one word to describe it: for us it would read simply *Godbreathed*. Denial of that fact is the source of all false doctrine and the acceptance and allowance of sinful practices – something we see tragically displayed in much of what is called the “Christian Church.” But if our concern is orthodoxy (sound doctrine) and orthopraxy (sound practice) we must inform all that we believe and submit all that we do to the authority of Scripture. As our confession puts it: “The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man’s salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men.” (Westminster Confession of Faith I:VI). When God speaks, we need to listen!