

Notes for: The Word of God

(1) The Bible is Inspired of God (2 Timothy 3:16)

- **Dual Authorship:**

- >> God's control over the human author; "inspired" (God breathed)
- >> The Bible is God's revelation to man (2 Peter 1:20-21)

- **The Bible is authoritative:**

- >> it is to be believed and obeyed (Deuteronomy 29:29)

- **The Bible is infallible**

- >> it is a reliable guide in all matters of faith and practice (Joshua 1:8)
- >> it is a reliable guide in any matters it addresses (Psalm 12:6)

- **The Bible is inerrant**

- >> it is free from any falsehood or error (Psalm 19:7-9; John 17:17)

(2) The Bible Is Progressive and Closed (Ephesians 3:3-5; Revelation 22:18-19)

- **Progressive**

- >> Each book written in its historical context throughout approximately 2500 years
- >> With each book, further revelation given by God to man about His plan/purpose

- **Closed**

- >> No further revelation being given by God after completion of book of Revelation
- >> God guides and directs His people today; but that is not equivalent to Biblical revelation. The warning of Revelation 22:18-19 makes that clear.

(3) The Bible's Primary Purpose Is to Reveal God's Plan of Salvation; Fulfilled in the Person and Work of Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:15)

- **Sufficient for Accomplishing the Two-Fold Purpose of God**

- >> **Evangelism**

- >> No need for supplementing with external evidence (Luke 16:27-31)
- >> No need defending with human logic (Romans 10:17)

- >> **Edification**

- >> Foundational to the Christian's spiritual growth (Acts 20:32)
- >> No need for augmenting with philosophy/psychology (Colossians 2:6-8)

