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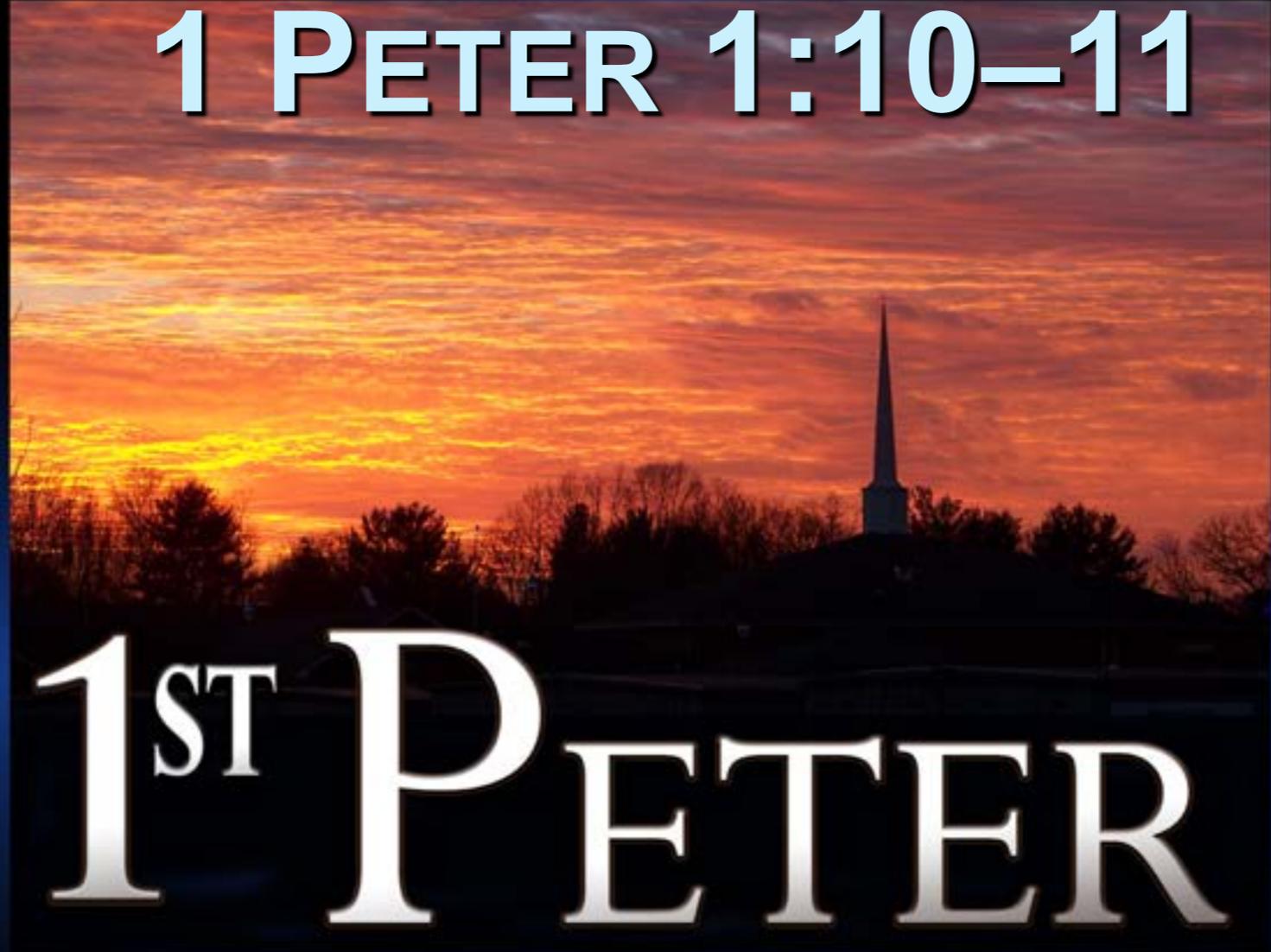
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# UNDERSTANDING INERRANCY

## PART 6

1 PETER 1:10–11



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LIVING IN LIGHT  
OF ETERNITY

**1 Pet. 1:10, “Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you,**

**1 Pet. 1:11, “searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.**

**1 Pet. 1:12, “To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.”**

# **The Doctrine of Inspiration and Inerrancy of Scripture**

**inspiration [Greek, θεόπνευστος  
(*theopneustos*) literally “God-breathed”]  
God the Holy Spirit so supernaturally  
directed the human writers of Scripture, that  
without waiving their human intelligence,  
vocabulary, individuality, literary style,  
personality, personal feelings, or any other  
human factor, His complete and coherent  
message to mankind was recorded with  
perfect accuracy in the original languages of  
Scripture, the very words bearing the  
authority of divine authorship. (John 10:35;  
Matthew 5:18; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21;  
1 Corinthians 2:14–16)**

**2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,**

**2 Tim. 3:17, “that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”**

**θεόπνευστος**  
*theopneustos*

**nom fem sing**  
**(verbal)**

**God-breathed**

# Biblical/Divine Authority

**Christian Belief**

**INSPIRATION**

**INFALLIBILITY**

**INERRANCY**

**Inspiration means “God-breathed” (2 Timothy 3:16) and means that the Bible is God’s complete and connected thought to mankind (2 Peter 1:20–21; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Matthew 5:18; John 16:12–13). Addresses the ORIGIN of the Bible.**

**Infallible – Every word is equally authoritative. The Scripture is incapable of failing, cannot be wrong or broken, and its authority is permanent and eternal. Addresses the AUTHORITY and ENDURING NATURE of the Bible (John 10:34–35; Matt. 5:18).**

**Inerrancy – No error existed in the original autographs of Scripture. Some have seen the necessity to insert the word “unlimited” to describe inerrancy, but this is redundant. Addresses the ACCURACY of God’s Word (John 17:17).**

**“Perhaps the tension would be erased if we defined inerrancy positively—the inerrancy of the Bible means simply that the Bible tells the truth. Truth can and does include approximations, free quotations, language of appearances, and different accounts of the same event as long as these do not contradict.”**

**~Charles C. Ryrie, *Basic Theology***

## **2. The Mechanics of Inspiration: How did it take place?**

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## Inspiration was in *WORDS*

1 Cor. 2:13, “These things we also speak, not *in words* which man’s wisdom teaches but *[in words]* which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

Josh. 23:14, “Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; *not one word of them has failed.*”

**Deut. 9:10, “Then the LORD delivered to me two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them were all the words which the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.”**

**1. God is absolute Veracity or Truth, Romans 3:4**

**Rom. 3:4, “May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, as it is written, ‘That Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and mightest prevail when Thou art judged.’ ”**

**2. God is the source of the Scriptures: 2 Tim. 3:16**

**3. Therefore, the Scriptures are absolute Truth. John 17:17**

**John 17:17, “Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.”**

**Rule: If the premises of a syllogism are correct then the conclusion must be correct.**

## **4. What about human involvement?**

**2 Pet. 1:19, “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;**

**2 Pet. 1:20, “knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,**

**2 Pet. 1:21, “for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”**

**Acts 27:15, “So when the ship was caught, and could not head into the wind, we let her drive.”**

**Acts 27:17, “When they had taken it on board, they used cables to undergird the ship; and fearing lest they should run aground on the Syrtis Sands, they struck sail and so were driven.”**

**φέρω *pherō***

**imperf pass indic 1**

**plur**

**to bring, carry (pass.  
be extant)**

**φέρω *pherō***

**imperf pass indic 3**

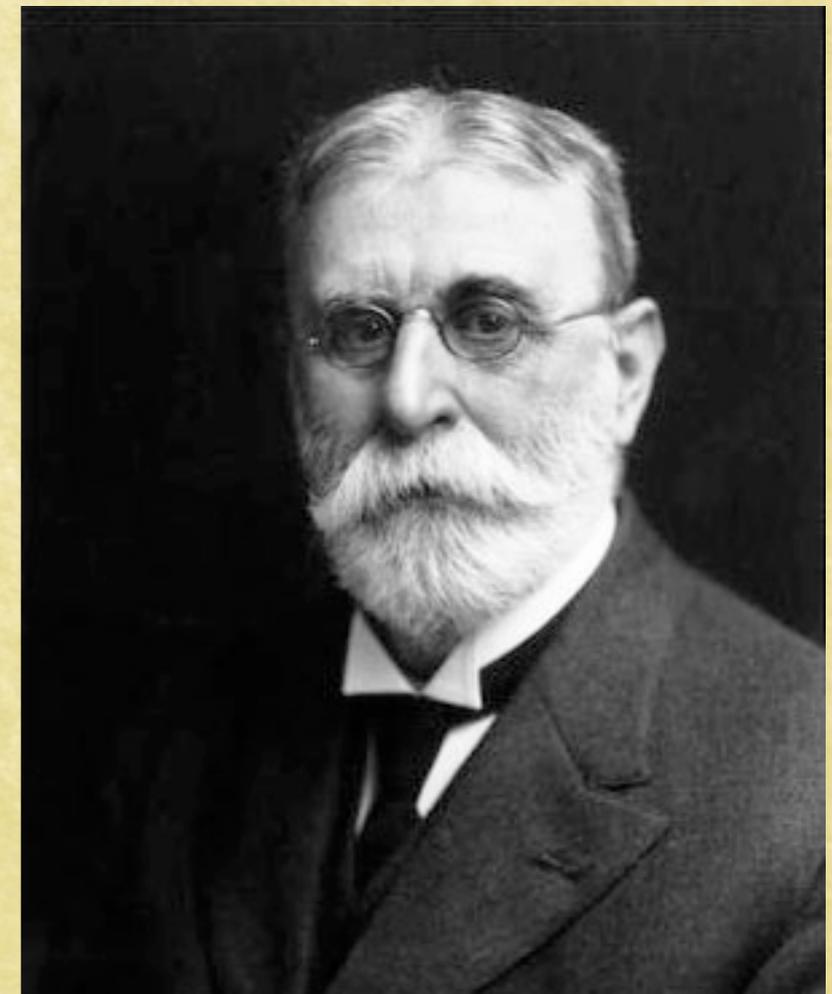
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**“In this singularly precise and pregnant statement there are several things which require to be carefully observed. There is, first of all, the emphatic denial that prophecy—that is to say, on the hypothesis upon which we are working, Scripture—owes its origin to human initiative: ‘No prophecy ever was brought —“came” is the word used in the English Version text, with “was brought” in the Revised Version margin—by the will of man.’ ”**



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**“Then, there is the equally emphatic assertion that its source lies in God: It was spoken by men, indeed, but the men who spoke it ‘spake from God.’ And a remarkable clause is here inserted, and thrown forward in the sentence that stress may fall on it, which tells us how it could be that men, in speaking, should speak not from themselves, but from God: it was ‘as borne’—it is the same word which was rendered ‘was brought’ above, and might possibly be rendered ‘brought’ here—‘by the Holy Spirit’ that they spoke. Speaking thus under the determining influence of the Holy Spirit, the things they spoke were not from themselves, but from God.”**

- a. The Holy Spirit is the agent of revelation.**
- b. What men wrote did not originate with them but from God, who controlled the process freeing it from error. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth; John 16:13.**
- c. God prevented the sin nature of the writers from diverting, misdirecting, confusing, or erroneously recording His message.**

## **5. Jesus' uses of Scripture**

**Matt. 4:3, “Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, ‘If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.’**

**Matt. 4:4, “But He answered and said, ‘*It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”*’ ” [Deut. 8:3]**

**Matt. 4:5, “Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,**

**Matt. 4:6, “and said to Him, ‘If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: “*He shall give His angels charge over you,*” and, “*In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.*” ’ ”**

**Psa. 91:11, “For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.**

**Psa. 91:12, “In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.”**

**Matt. 4:7, “Jesus said to him, ‘It is written again, “*You shall not tempt the LORD your God.*” ’ ” from Deut. 6:16**

**Luke 17:26, “And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:**

**Luke 17:27, “They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.”**

**Luke 17:28, “Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;**

**Luke 17:29, “but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.”**

**Matt. 12:40, “For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”**

**Matt. 5:17, “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.**

**Matt. 5:18, “For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.”**

**Matt. 5:18, “For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.”**

**‘ *yodh* smallest Hebrew letter.**

***tittle: smallest part of a letter***

**י or יְ**

**o and p b and d**

**bog and dog;**

**Rug and Pug;**

**lit - hit - bit      cat   oat**

**Fun, Pun, Run, Bun**

**Heb. diff between Beth ב, and Kaph כ,  
and Daleth ד, and Resh ר**

**Thus John 10:30, “I and the Father are one.”**

**ἐγώ; και; ὁ πατήρ ἐν ἐσμεν.**

***hen (neuter sg) not heis (masc sg)***

***one thing, not one person***

**Gal. 3:16, “Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, ‘And to seeds,’ as of many, but as of one, ‘And to your Seed,’ who is Christ.”**

**2 Pet. 1:3, “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.**

**2 Pet. 1:4, “For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”**

## **Corollary #1**

**Though every word is equally infallible,  
and authoritative, not every word is equally  
applicable to every believer.**

## **Corollary #2**

**If every word is breathed out by God, then it is the responsibility of the Pastor-Teacher to investigate and exegete every word, the entire counsel of God, though not every word need be necessarily taught. Time is a factor.**

## **Corollary #3**

**If every word is breathed out by God and then the Bible is absolutely and totally sufficient for salvation, spiritual growth, and problem solving.**

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## **Corollary #4**

**If every Word is from God to us, nothing should be more important than learning and applying His Word.**