



Scripture Alone: Sufficiency

Lesson Ten

Scripture Alone Is Uniquely Necessary Because of Its...

AUTHORITY: *The Bible Is God Speaking **ABSOLUTELY** with Divine Authority.*

INERRANCY: *The Bible Is God Speaking **TRUTHFULLY** Without Error.*

CLARITY: *The Bible Is God Speaking **CLEARLY** to Be Understood and Obeyed.*

SUFFICIENCY: The Bible Is God Speaking Sufficiently to What Is MOST NECESSARY in This Life and the One to Come!

Definitions

*"All things necessary for salvation and for living the Christian life in obedience to God and for His glory are given to us in the Scriptures
– Matthew Barrett, God's Word Alone*

*"The Scriptures are sufficient in the sense that they are the only inspired and, therefore, inerrant words of God that we need, in order to know the way of salvation and the way of obedience...The sufficiency of Scripture means that we don't need any more special revelation...In the Bible God has given us, we have the perfect standard for judging all other knowledge. All other knowledge stands under the judgment of the Bible."
– John Piper*

*"Scripture contained all the words of God which He intended His people to have at each stage of redemptive history, and that it now contains everything we need God to tell us for salvation, for trusting Him perfectly, and for obeying Him perfectly."
– Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology*

*"The necessity of Scripture means that the Bible is necessary for knowing the gospel, for maintaining spiritual life, and for knowing God's will, but is not necessary for knowing that God exists or for knowing something about God's character and moral laws."
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Confessions

The London Baptist Confession on the Holy Scriptures in Articles 1 and 6

Article 6 - *The whole counsel of God concerning everything essential for his own glory and man's salvation, faith, and life is either explicitly stated or by necessary inference contained in the Holy Scriptures. Nothing is ever to be added to the Scriptures, either by new revelation of the Spirit or by human traditions...*

"A simple layman armed with Scripture is to be believed above a pope or a council without it." – Martin Luther

"Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?" John 5:45-47

"But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!' But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'" Luke 16:29-31

Seven Ways Scripture Is More Than Enough

1. Scripture Is Sufficient for **SALVATION**.

"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." 2Timothy 3:15

James 1:21-22; Psalm 119:97-104

2. Scripture Is Sufficient for **SANCTIFICATION**.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;" 2Timothy 3:16

Matthew 4:4; John 17:17; John 17:17; Psalm 19:7-12; Psalms 119:9-16

3. Scripture Is Sufficient for **SERVICE**.

"so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." 2Timothy 3:17

2Timothy 4:1-5; Psalms 119:17-24

4. Scripture Is Sufficient for **SUCCESS/SIGNIFICANCE.**

"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing." 2Timothy 4:6-8

Joshua 1:6-9

5. Scripture Is Sufficient for **SUFFERING.**

"Make every effort to come to me soon; for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica...When you come bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. Be on guard against him yourself, for he vigorously opposed our teaching." 2Timothy 4:9-15

Psalms 119:25-32, 153-160

6. Scripture Is Sufficient for **SATISFACTION.**

"At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them. But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was rescued out of the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen." 2Timothy 4:16-18

Matthew 4:1-4; Deuteronomy 8:3; Psalms 119:1-8

7. Scripture Is Sufficient for **SECURITY.**

The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen." 2Timothy 4:18

Psalms 119:89-96, 169-176

Scripture Alone Is More Than Enough for This Life and the One to Come!

- ❖ Scripture Alone is sufficient for **Evangelism, Discipleship, and Missions!**
- ❖ Scripture Alone is sufficient for **Anyone, Anytime, Anywhere!**
- ❖ Scripture Alone is sufficient for **GOING BEYOND BORDERS to BRIDGE THE GAP to ALL PEOPLES!**

We need to **translate it** into every language – **TRANSLATION!**

We need to **take it** to every people group – **DISTRIBUTION!**

We need to **preach it** to every tribe – **PROCLAMATION!**

We need to **use it** to impact every nation – **TRANSFORMATION!**

WE ARE LIFE BRIDGE



"When we have God's Word pure and clear, then we think ourselves all right; we become negligent, and repose in a vain security; we no longer pay due heed, thinking it will always so remain; we do not watch and pray against the devil, who is ready to tear the Divine Word out of our hearts."

– Martin Luther, Table Talk

"You may as well quit reading and hearing the Word of God, and give it to the devil, if you do not desire to live according to it." – Martin Luther

"This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, and the soldier's sword. It should fill the memory, test the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who will trifle with its sacred contents. Christ is its grand subject, our good is its design, and the glory of God is its end." – Robert Chapman