

Tidings From Timothy

Visitors: Thank you for worshipping with us today. The sermons today will be about identifying marks of the New Testament Church. Please study with an open mind and an open Bible.

Members: We appreciate your faithfulness. Remember to speak and be friendly to everyone else. The kingdom of God is full of joy and goodness (Romans 14:17), so let other's see that joy in your life.

In Need of Prayer: Some have the crud but we are getting good news on others. Buel Abney is at home, and Connie Tooley should be in Sky Rehab by the time you read this bulletin.

Pantry Item: More Vienna Sausages!

IS IT FROM GOD?

Part II

Last week we examined some of the Bible's claims for its own inspiration. I explained to you how important it was that the Bible at least claim that it is the word of God, and we saw the need for a better understanding of how inspiration actually works.

Having established that the Bible claims the words of Jesus to be inspired (John 12:49), let us now consider the apostles and other inspired writers. It is true that the words of other men besides Jesus are given to us in the Bible. These men still spoke the authoritative word of God. Consider the following line of reasoning.

The New Testament claims its own inspiration by proclaiming the promises of Jesus and the fulfillment of those promises. It is recorded in the New Testament that Christ promised his apostles that the Holy Spirit would guide them into all truth, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore

said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you." (John 16:12-15). In addition, Matthew 10:19,20 tells of how the Holy Spirit would speak for them when they faced opponents and critics (see also Mark 13:11; Luke 12:12). The fulfillment of this promise is recorded in various places in the book of Acts. Thus, the word spoken in the New Testament by the apostles are actually claimed to be the words of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also promised the Holy Spirit would come upon the apostles so that they might witness him (Acts 1:5-8). In Acts the second chapter this promise was fulfilled for the apostles. Those upon whom

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the apostles would lay their hands to impart the Spirit would also be able to proclaim Jesus by inspiration in keeping with their gift (cf. Acts 8:13,14).

The men filled with the Holy Spirit testify in the Bible of their ability to speak words

of God which are recorded in the New Testament. Thus, Paul in I Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 1:12; Ephesians 3:1-5; I Timothy 4:1; et.al., and Peter in I Peter 1:12,22-25; II Peter 3:16. These words are recorded as being confirmed by signs (II Cor. 12:12; Rom. 15:18,19) as other scriptures said they would be (Mark 16:20 with Heb. 2:1-4). Indeed the Scriptures meet all of our needs, and in fact, anything that is profitable for "life and godliness." "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." (II Timothy 3:16,17).

It is no doubt true that the Bible is from God. However, to understand **how** it came into being and the way God reveals His will can help us to avoid some of the false doctrines of the "Pentecostals." We can see not only that God emphatically **says** that it is inspired, but also that the purpose of miracles, the work of apostles, and other matters are clearly spelled out in scripture. Understanding these things can help us to avoid many fallacies and be better prepared to defend the faith. --Tim McHenry--

- Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7
- Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16
- Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10
- Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38

Then, as a Christian we must:

- LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10

Study the Bible?

God speaks to us today through the Holy Word of God - The Bible (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Scriptures instruct us in the way God requires His people to live (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The Bible is powerful and able to save us (Romans 1:16; James 1:21-25), if we will hear, learn and obey it.

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Verses for the Lord's Supper: Romans 5:18 - 21 ¹⁸Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life. ¹⁹For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. ²⁰Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: ²¹That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Bible Study...	7pm
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