

## The Holy Bible: Our Firm Foundation

TOPIC	DEFINITION	SCRIPTURE
Revelation	<p>God’s disclosure to humanity of His Person and any related truth which would otherwise be unknown.</p> <p><u>Natural Revelation</u>: Through Nature  <u>Special Revelation</u>: Through...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jesus Christ</li> <li>2. The Scriptures</li> </ol>	<p><u>Natural</u>: Ps. 19:1-6; Acts 14:15-17; Rom. 1:18-20 &amp; 2:14-16</p> <p><u>Special</u>: Heb. 1:1-4.            Ps. 19:7-14; Jn. 1:14, 18; Rom. 10:17; 1 Cor. 2:6-10 &amp; 15:3; 2 Tim. 3:14-15</p>
Inspiration	<p>God’s act of directing the human authors of scripture so that, without destroying their individuality or literary style, His complete thought toward humanity was recorded without error in the original manuscripts.</p>	<p>2 Timothy 3:16            2 Peter 1:16-21            John 10:34-36</p>
Illumination (Work of the Holy Spirit)	<p>The work of the Holy Spirit in which He clarifies and teaches the truth of the inspired written revelation. Involves a supernatural awakening from within.</p>	<p>John 16:12-15</p>
Interpretation (Work of the believer)	<p>Determining what the author meant by what he said and putting that meaning into contemporary equivalent expressions. While there may be <u>many applications</u> of any scriptural passage, there is only <u>one true interpretation</u>.</p>	<p>Nehemiah 8:1-13</p>
Canonicity	<p>The sum total of the books which make up the Bible by virtue of their <u>inherent</u> authority and authenticity. No church council can <u>make</u> a book of the Bible canonical—it can merely discover and acknowledge that it already <u>is</u>.</p>	<p>Old Testament: Matt. 23:34-35, Lk.24:44            New Testament: 2 Peter 3:14-16</p>

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