

ACBC Exam Study Guide
Theology Exam 2

Q: Describe the sufficiency of Scripture. Relate the doctrine of the sufficiency of Scripture to the practice of biblical counseling. Research and respond to the arguments of at least one integrationist or Christian Psychologist regarding the insufficiency of Scripture for counseling.

For the exam:

- _____ key terms (know what you are talking about)
- _____ key terms (be specific about important words)
- _____ key terms (demonstrate that you understand them)
- _____ key terms (prove your point with Scripture)

Definitions:

Qa. Describe the sufficiency of Scripture

“The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man’s salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down or necessarily contained in the Holy Scriptures, to which nothing is to be added at any time, either by new revelation of the Spirit, or by the traditions of men.” The Baptist Confession of Faith 1689

The Bible is sufficient because:

- It is the _____ authority (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10; 12:3, 5; 19:4-5; 22:29-33)
- It _____ to salvation (2 Timothy 3:14-15; 1 Peter 1:22-23)
- It _____ all we need for growth in sanctification (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 1:3)
- It _____ us all truth (Jn. 16:12-13; 17:17)
- It _____ the mind of God (1 Cor. 2:13)
- It _____ into the secret spaces of the soul (Heb. 4:12)
- It _____ be broken (Matthew 24:35; John 10:35)

Qb. Relate the doctrine of the sufficiency of Scripture to the practice of counseling

1st Implication: Since the Bible is sufficient it must form our full understanding of _____ (he is Lord), _____ (is hostile), _____ (sin is pervasive), _____ (the power of God), and _____ (one of the blessings of salvation).

2nd Implication: Since the Bible is sufficient, no human condition is beyond the reach of biblical _____ (1 Cor. 10:13).

3rd Implication: Since the Bible is sufficient, the solution to the _____ problems of individuals is the _____ revelation of God (Ps. 119:9, 24, 98-100).

Qc. Research and respond to the arguments of at least one integrationist or Christian Psychologist regarding the insufficiency of Scripture for counseling

Gary Collins: Integrationist

Our response: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

Personal Responsibility

There is hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Scripture Texts:

2 Timothy 3:15-17

2 Peter 1:3ff

Matthew 5:18, 24:35

John 10:35, 16:12-13, 17:17

1 Corinthians 2:13

Hebrews 4:12

Resources:

Sufficiency

Jay Adams, *The Christian Counselor's Manual* (Zondervan, 1986), 18-23, 97.

Jay Adams, *Ready to Restore* (P&R, 1981), 11.

Paul Enns, *The Moody Handbook of Theology*, rev. ed. (Moody Press, 2008), 158.

Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology* (Zondervan, 1994), 122-3.

John MacArthur & Wayne Mack, *Introduction to Biblical Counseling* (Word, 1994), 63ff.

Stuart Scott & Heath Lambert eds., *Counseling the Hard Cases* (B&H Academic, 2012), 1-24.

Steve Viars & Rob Green, "The Sufficiency of Scripture," in *Christ Centered Biblical Counseling*, edited by James MacDonald, Bob Kellemen, & Steve Viars (Harvest House, 2013), 89-106.

Critique of the "insufficiency" view

Heath Lambert, *The Biblical Counseling Movement After Adams* (Crossway, 2012), chapter 5.

Eric Johnson, ed., *Psychology & Christianity: Five Views*, 2nd ed. (IVP, 2010), 143-147, 194-198, 245-273. In this "multiple views" book, David Powlison writes the article which articulates the biblical counseling view of counseling and its relationships to psychology (245-273). However, he also offers critiques of both integration (143-147) and Christian psychology (194-198) from a biblical counseling viewpoint.

David Powlison, "Critiquing Modern Integrationists," *Journal of Biblical Counseling* XI (1993): 24-34. Available from www.ccef.org/critiquing-modern-integrationists

Integrationist and Christian Psychology (potential resources for critique)

Eric Johnson, *Foundations for Soul Care* (IVP, 2007)

Stanton Jones & Richard Butman, *Modern Psychotherapies* (IVP, 1991)

Mark McMinn & Clark Campbell, *Integrative Psychotherapy* (IVP, 2007)