

SOLA SCRIPTURA 2 Timothy 3:16-17

I. **The Bible is authoritative because of its supernatural origin (16a).**

Exodus 24:4: And **Moses wrote all the words of the Lord**. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

Jeremiah 1:9: Then the Lord put forth His hand and **touched my mouth**, and the Lord said to me: “Behold, **I have put My words in your mouth.**”

2 Peter 1:20-21: knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, **but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.**

Revelation 1:11a: saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” and, “What you see, **write in a book** and send *it* to the seven churches which are in Asia.

II. **The Bible is authoritative because of its sufficient scope (16b).**

A. **It is sufficient for doctrine.**

Deuteronomy 4:5, 14: Surely **I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the Lord my God commanded me**, that you should act according *to them* in the land which you go to possess. 14 And **the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments**, that you might observe them in the land which you cross over to possess.

Ephesians 4:14: that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of **doctrine, by the trickery of men**, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting.

B. **It is sufficient for discernment.**

Isaiah 8:19-20: And when they say to you, “Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,” should not a people seek their God? *Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?* **To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, *it is because there is no light in them.***

1 Corinthians 4:14: I do not **write these things** to shame you, but as my beloved children **I warn you.**

C. **It is sufficient for direction.**

Psalms 119:99-100: I have **more understanding than all my teachers**, For Your testimonies *are* my meditation. I understand **more than the ancients**, because I keep Your precepts.

Acts 20:32: So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, **which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance** among all those who are sanctified.

D. It is sufficient for discipline.

Psalm 94:12: Blessed *is* the man whom **You instruct, O Lord, And teach out of Your law.**

III. The Bible is authoritative because of its supreme ability (17).

A. A supreme ability to produce Christian maturity (17a).

1 Timothy 4:6: **If you instruct the brethren** in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, **nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine** which you have carefully followed.

B. A supreme ability to prepare for Christian ministry (17b).

Ephesians 4:12: for the **equipping of the saints** for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.