

## Heritage Presbyterian Church

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#### *Q. 3. What is the Word of God?*

A. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.

Focus: Canonicity and inspiration of Scripture.

#### Questions:

- 1) What is Scripture and what isn't Scripture? (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:19-21, 2 Peter 2:3,15-16, Matthew 19:4-5)
  
- 2) What is the purpose and use of Scripture? (Deuteronomy 4:2, Ephesians 2:20, Revelation 22:18-19, Isaiah 8:20, Luke 16:29-31, Galatians 1:8-9, 2 Timothy 3:15-16)

#### *Q. 4. How doth it appear that the Scriptures are the Word of God?*

A. The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the Word of God, by their majesty and purity; by the consent of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation: but the Spirit of God bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of man, is alone able fully to persuade it that they are the very Word of God.

Focus: Internal and external evidence that Scripture is God's Word.

#### Internal Evidence

Majesty- (Hosea 8:11, Psalm 119:18)

Purity- (Psalm 12:6)

Consent of the Parts- (Luke 24:27)

Scope of the Whole- (Romans 16:25-27)

Power to Convince, Convert, Comfort, and Build up- (Psalm 19:7-9, Acts 18:28, Hebrews 4:12)

External Evidence:

Witness and Persuasion of the Holy Spirit in our Hearts- (John 16:13-14, John 20:31)