

## Belgic Confession of Faith (1561)

**Leader:** Article III - The Written Word of God

People: **We confess that this Word of God was not sent nor delivered by the will of man, but that *men spoke from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit*,<sup>1</sup> as the apostle Peter says; and that afterwards God, from a special care which He has for us and our salvation, commanded His servants, the prophets<sup>2</sup> and apostles, to commit His revealed word to writing; <sup>3</sup> and He Himself wrote with His own finger the two tables of the law.<sup>4</sup> Therefore we call such writings holy and divine Scriptures.**

Scriptural texts that apply:

<sup>1</sup>*“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”*

(2 Pet. 1:21).

<sup>2</sup>*“And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that reads it.”*

(Hab. 2:2)

<sup>3</sup>*“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”*

(2 Tim. 3:16).

<sup>4</sup>*“And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.”* (Exodus 31:18)