G.I.F.T. Growing In Faith Together

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Systematic Theology-Bibliology Part One

<u>Key Verse</u>—2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Bibliology is the study of the Bible, the Word of God.

Characteristics of Scripture that we will study: 1. <u>Authority of Scripture</u> 2. <u>Inspiration of Scripture</u> 3. <u>Inerrancy of Scripture</u> 4. <u>Preservation of Scripture</u>

I. The Testimony of Scripture

Three facts that teach the authority of Scripture.

- 1. God created the heavens and the earth and all that exists within them. Gen. 1:1-2
- 2. God owns the earth, and all that is in the earth. Psalm 24:1
- 3. God will destroy the world just as He said in I Peter 3:10

To understand and accept God's authority is as simple as accepting the fact of God Himself. Romans 13:1

The matter of authority is addressed frequently throughout Scripture. He is described as:

- 1. Omniscient Ps. 139:1-7
- 2. Omnipotent Ps. 135:5; Jer. 32:17
- 3. Omnipresent Ps. 139:7-12
- 4. Righteous Ps. 92:15
- 5. His wisdom is unsearchable Rom. 11:33-36.

II. The Testimony of the Holy Spirit

It is only the internal testimony of the Holy Spirit that illuminates the believer so that he knows that the Bible is the Word of God.

Catechism

Question 1: Where do we learn about God, ourselves, and the world around us?

Answer: From the Bible. It is through the Bible that God revealed Himself to us. It is the supreme standard for what we should believe and how we should live. Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: