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**Love God,
Love each other,
Serve the world.**

“A High View of the Bible”

2 Peter 1:20-21

²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:16

¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...

Hebrews 1:1-2

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

2 Peter 3:15-16

¹⁵And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, ¹⁶as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

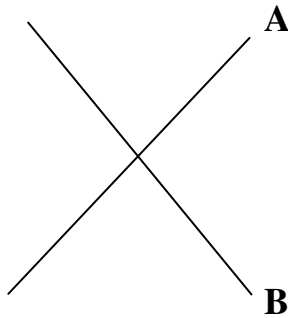
Hebrews 4:12

¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

“A High View of the Bible”

The Deep End of Truth

1. Our perceptions and understandings vary, but truth is unwavering and objective.
2. There are simple truths and deep truths.
3. Some deep truths are paradoxical, but not contradictory.



A _____

B _____

Examples:

- Jesus is fully divine. Jesus is fully human.
- God is absolutely sovereign. We have free will.
- We are endowed with dignity. We are marked by depravity.
- The Bible was written by God. The Bible was written by people.

4. Deep truths should be approached with humility.

The Nature of the Bible

1. The Bible is inspired.
2. The Bible is infallible.
3. The Bible is sufficient.
4. The Bible has God's own authority.

Therefore:

1. The Bible, read and preached, has a central place in our worship.
2. The Bible has a central place of authority for each of us.
3. We approach the Bible as the Word of God, with humility.
4. We stand before scripture, not that we might judge it, but that it might judge us.
5. We seek to be doers of the Word not just hearers.

*Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!
"Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"
"Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?" For from him
and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever!
Amen. (Romans 11:33-36)*

Preface to “Essentials to Our Faith”

All Scripture is self attesting and being Truth, requires our unreserved submission in all areas of life. The infallible Word of God, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is a complete and unified witness to God’s redemptive acts culminating in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible, uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks. On this sure foundation we affirm these additional essentials of our faith.