



August 9, 2015

Hope Found in the Authority of Scripture

Various Scriptures

Sermon Response:

[Q] Discuss: What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be: Most helpful? Eye opening? Troubling? Challenging? Explain.
Is there any action you want to take as a result of the worship time or message?

From Valley's Affirmation of Faith:

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God,
fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of
the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

[Q] Why is it important that the Bible be the authoritative basis for our beliefs?

...if man becomes the authority over Scripture, the Bible loses its authority and we
lose our moorings. We end up adrift in a dangerous sea of fluctuating opinions,
ulterior motives, and half-truths. —Dan Story, *Defending Your Faith*

The **authority** of Scripture means that all the words in Scripture are God's words in such a way
that to disbelieve or disobey any word of Scripture is to disbelieve or disobey God.

The **sufficiency** of Scripture means it contains everything we need God to tell us for salvation,
for trusting Him perfectly, and for obeying Him perfectly.

— Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*

[Q] Read the following verses. How is the authority of Scripture described? The sufficiency of
Scripture?

2 Timothy 3:14-17

2 Peter 1:16-21

[Q] Read 1 John 2:3-6. How does John describe the mark of someone who knows God?

How does he emphasize the importance of obeying the authority of God's Word?

[Q] Read John 14:23-24. What is the mark of someone who loves Jesus?

How does John emphasize the authority of Jesus' word?

Apply

[Q] Do you live as though God's Word is your ultimate authority? Explain.

God claims the words of Scripture as His own and the Bible affirms that it is the very words of God.

- We are to seek to understand those words, for in doing so, we are seeking to understand God himself.
- We are to seek to trust the words of Scripture, for in doing so, we are seeking to trust God himself.
- We are to seek to obey the words of Scripture, for in doing so, we are seeking to obey God himself.

—Wayne Grudem, *Christian Beliefs*

[Q] How will you anchor your hope in Him this week?

Pray
