

2. It is defined by "inspiration"

a. Definition:

- (1) in general
- (2) in biblical specifics

b. Key texts for what the Bible claims for itself:

2 Peter 1:21
2 Timothy 3:16
1 Peter 1:23

and many others in both general and specific categories.

c. What does it mean:

- (1) dependable
- (2) accuracy
- (3) specific
- (4) complete

d. What does it not mean:

- (1) not necessarily dictation
- (2) only the ideas are valid
- (3) the laws of literature or language are to be ignored.

e. The original manuscripts (autographs) are the intended areas for the concept of inspiration. The copies (apographs) are good, very good, but are not the immediate subjects of inspiration. That is an important distinctive that must be borne in mind in all discussions about the character of the Bible.

3. The role of illumination...something we need to keep distinct from our first two items.

4. By character it is a work spoken of as being both **genuine and authentic**