

REAL WITH GOD: COMMANDS OF GOD

Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. 1 John 2:6 ESV

Revelation: _____

General

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. **Romans 1:18-23 ESV**

_____ – enough to condemn, not enough to save

Special – God speaks

Our _____ and _____

God speaks/communicates to man

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. **2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV**

And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For 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 Peter 1:19-21 ESV**

What does inspiration mean?¹ Verbal plenary inspiration

Verbal – words are _____ by God: God's words

Plenary – _____ of the Bible

Inspiration – “God-_____ revelation”²

¹ Adapted from Mark Driscoll, “Revelation: God Speaks” in *Doctrine: What Christians Should Believe* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2010), 48-49

² *Ibid.*, 48

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What is inerrancy? “The Bible is _____ in all of its teachings”

Absolute – completely true in all matters including science and history

Full – completely true, but on matters of science and history: The

Bible does not aim to provide data

The Bible contains phenomenological descriptions – how things

appeared to the authors, including general references or

approximations

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Testimonies: _____

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. *John 17:17 ESV*

Timeless Truth – same world, _____

Promises: _____

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. *Hebrews 10:23 ESV*

Timeless Truth – God keeps _____

Commands: _____

But you are near, O LORD, and all your commandments are true. *Psalms 119:151 ESV*

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways. *Psalms 119:35-37 ESV*

Timeless Truth – unchanging truth about _____

“God’s law: it gives us a working definition of true humanity. It shows us what we were made to be, and teaches us how to be truly human, and warns us against moral self-destruction”⁵

³ Adapted from Millard Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 2nd Ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1998), 247-249

⁴ Adapted from J. I. Packer, “Thy Word is Truth” in *Knowing God* (Downers Grove, Ill: InterVarsity Press, 1993), 109-ff.

⁵ Packer, 114

Right : _____

Relationships of _____ and _____

Belief and Repentance – _____ Set Apart Position in Christ

“... and saying the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” *Mark 1:15 ESV*

...testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. *Acts 20:21 ESV*

Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God... *Hebrews 6:1 ESV*

Faith and Works – _____ Apart Practice In Christ

But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe— and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.
James 2:18-26 ESV

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. *John 15:4-5 ESV*

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. *Galatians 5:22-25 ESV*

Faith is evidenced by works. Both must be present, but one produces the other. Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. *Philippians 2:12-13 ESV*

For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.
Colossians 1:29 ESV

Real: _____

From Him: God _____ all things

Through him; God _____ all things

To Him: God _____ of all things

“For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.” *Romans 11:36, ESV*