

Th 231 The Holy Spirit in the New Testament

Week 1 Discussion Board

Describe your current understanding of the role of the Spirit in the Inspiration and formation of Holy Scripture. 2 Timothy 3:16 is fundamental in understanding the work of the Spirit and Scripture in our spiritual formation. Define the following activities: doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction as noted in 2 Timothy 3:16.

Greetings Everyone,

Paul states that all Scripture is breathed out by God assuring Timothy and the reader that the totality of scripture is in fact from God. The Greek term *theopneustos* is used, when Scripture is divinely inspired which relates directly to the Holy Spirit (*Pneuma*). The Holy Spirit divinely inspired the authors in their writings, not a dictation, nor did The Spirit overtake them to write. The Holy Spirit worked with the writer's personality and writing style to produce what we know as the Holy Scripture, God words that flowed through the spirit to men.

The verse goes on to state scripture is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. The Word is spirit and life, valuable because it can help humankind to align with the will of God. The Holy scripture is beneficial for instruction/teaching, to correct (bring to the light or expose), improvement of life and character bring one to right state to live a life of righteousness with dealings with integrity, virtue, right thinking, feeling and actions approved and acceptable to God.

Greetings Korey,

I really enjoyed your post. Your statement about how Paul stated that all Scripture is breathed out by God, assuring Timothy and the reader that the totality of scripture is in fact from God was very inclusive of what our understanding of the role of the spirit is in formation of scripture. The Bible is an accurate and true record of the very words that God wished to record through various human authors. It is totally reliable. The bottom line is that scriptures are as reliable as God is.

You could not have made it any clearer when you said that "Word is spirit and life", valuable because it can help humankind to align with the will of God. I do agree with you that the Holy scripture is beneficial for instruction. We need to know the living God and we must get all we can from the scriptures from all sources so that we can grasp its principles and doctrines and understand how to apply them to our life.

Yours in Christ,

Marie Mahan

By: Marie Mahan

Date: 01/11/2018 3:10 pm

great insight Korey. thanks for your post. It's intriguing to see how God used different people to accomplish his purpose for the Scripture - we could spend a whole semester just talking about that!

By: Darryl Smith

Date: 01/11/2018 7:21 pm

Hello professor Smith and classmates, 2 Timothy 3:16 is one of my favorite scriptures, this scripture alone helps back up my believe in God and his validity of the scriptures. For a person with doubts it will help them with yhere apologetic. All scriptures is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. In this scripture it says all not some, apart of, a little bit, it said all scriptures are inspired by God. Which let you know yes man might have written this but God inspired, then it go on to give us instructions why it was written and inspired, wow that is so awesome. Then in the next verse says so that Everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. The key word here is thise eho belong, if you belong to God you will believe without a shadow of a doubt.

By: April Adams

Date: 01/12/2018 12:36 am

Hello April,

I enjoyed reading your post this week. I think this is a first to read that one of a person's favorite scriptures is 2 Timothy 3:16. I also like this verse when I took the time to study what Paul was saying. I agree with you that this verse can be used as an apologetic tool to help

unbelievers or new converts understand the origin of the Holy Scriptures. I look forward to reading your future post this semester.

Greetings to Dr. Smith and students.

A Happy New Year to all.

My understanding of the role of the Spirit in the Inspiration and formation of Holy Scripture is for teaching and guiding believers in all truth.

The role of the Holy Spirit is also to give us revelation knowledge. In addition, the Holy Scriptures are the infallible word of God. Everything that we believe, and teach must be based on Scriptures and Scriptures only.

Here are the definition of the following activities Doctrine: reproof; correction; and instruction as noted in 2Timothy3:16.

Doctrine: Is what we believe and teach based on Holy Scriptures.

Reproof: Proclaim the word of God in the use of setting directions.

Correction: Refers to restoration, or getting things to an upright state again.

Instruction: The Bible should be presented as the only guide for such instruction.

God bless.

By: Waveney Williams

Date: 01/10/2018 9:03 am

Greetings Waveney,

Happy New Year Hope all is going great with you all. The Holy Spirit is vital to the understanding of the scripture because they must be revealed to us. The Spirit was just as important in the author's life writing the books of the Bible. Just to think about how The Holy Spirit has been inspiring men and working with humankind and still does is just amazing; showing how great God is to man. Have a great weekend!

Week 2 Discussion Board

Textbook references Luke 1 as it details the conception and of Christ. Identify key passages within the chapter (and other Scriptures) that indicate the role of the Spirit in the conception, birth and early life of Christ.

Define the doctrinal importance of the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ and its implications to the believer's salvation.