

CHURCH NEWS

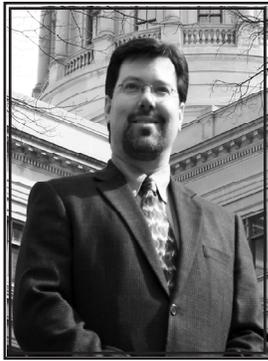
AN INSPIRING MOMENT WITH

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The Bible Is All Truth

The biblical term "revelation" refers both to God's self-disclosure with regard to His nature and purpose for humanity, and the corpus of truth made known. The two mediums of God's revelation include: general revelation and special revelation. General revelation is received through creation and conscience (Ps 19; Rom 1—3; Acts 14:15-17; 17:22-37); it is the world all around humanity and also certain sensibilities within humanity. Special revelation is the very Word of God (the 39 books of the Old Testament and 27 books of the New Testament).

Humanity needs communication from God with regard to who He is and what He requires. The thousands of disorganized and organized religions that exist worldwide today is evidence that humanity is confused and ignorant with regard to God's revelation. The Bible is not merely a record of revelation; rather, it is the divine record of revelation. Scripture is not merely a revelation from God; rather, it is the only written revelation from God. Whereas revelation is the content and medium by



which God has given truth, inspiration is the manner in which the truth has been recorded. Second Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Peter 1:20-21 are two primary biblical texts that affirm the doctrine of inspiration.

2 Timothy 3:16—“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness. 2 Peter 1:21 — “for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by

the Holy Spirit spoke from God.” The extent of inspiration includes “all Scripture,” which means the entire Old and New Testaments are inspired, not merely portions of the Bible (this doctrine is called plenary, or full, inspiration). The word “inspiration” is derived from the Greek theopneustos, which means “God-breathed.” The origin of Scripture is God, and the Bible represents His thought. God inspired the very words of Scripture (this doctrine is called verbal inspiration). Verbal inspiration applies only to the original autographs, which were penned by the biblical authors (who were not, in actual fact, inspired; rather, they were “moved by the Holy Spirit” so that the text itself, that is, the words are inspired). “Prophecy of Scripture”

is used broadly in 2 Peter 1:20, and has reference to God's revelation by means of prediction (foretelling) and proclamation (telling). The Holy Bible enables humanity to receive truth directly from God. The origin of prophetic Scripture is not the human will; rather, the biblical authors “spoke from God.” Scripture is repeatedly stated as originating with God. The word translated “moved” in 2 Peter 1:21 is the passive participle pheromenoi, which is a word picture of the biblical writers being impelled by the Holy Spirit to write God's words (Acts 27:15 uses the same Greek word for a ship “driven along” by the wind).

God took the initiative and gave His truth through the Holy Spirit, who impelled erring humans as penmen, yet miraculously superintended them as they wrote thereby preventing any error or omission in Scripture. Scripture is “God-breathed,” and can be trusted as being inerrant and infallible. The trustworthiness of Scripture means it is credible and is worthy of belief. God gave His Word to reveal Himself and His will for humanity. Scripture makes errant humans wise unto salvation, and hearing and heeding it will certainly grant you the strength and wisdom needed for “everything pertaining to life and godliness” (2 Pet 1:3).

Butts to Give Trial Sermon

Minister Saketha W. Butts of Sandersville, GA has been ministering since her school days in music— playing for choirs, groups and churches.

Now, the married mother of five, including a set of twin girls, has accepted her calling into the ministry through preaching God's Holy Word.

Butts, an active and dedicated member of the Springfield Missionary Baptist Church, where Calvin Hatcher is pastor, will deliver her trial sermon on Sunday, June 30 at 2:30 p.m.



Family and friends from all over are invited to come out to witness and celebrate this event.

ESQUIRE FASHION SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit.

Proverbs 23:4

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