



# CAPITOL COMMISSION™

## The Authority of Scripture

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### 2 Timothy 3:16-17

*“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”(NASB)*

The second Epistle of Paul to Timothy is the last of Paul’s inspired letters. Paul is in prison for the last time with no hope of release and with an expectation that he would be executed. In this letter to Timothy, his son in the faith, Paul writes to instruct, warn, strengthen and encourage Timothy to “preach the word” (4:2).

While we learn that Timothy not only had learned the OT scriptures from his mother and grandmother but that he was also assured, convinced and believed the truth and the wisdom of the sacred writings that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (3:14-15)

### **All Scripture is inspired (3:16)**

The Holy Bible, Scripture, was written by men that were divinely inspired by God and is God's revelation of Himself to man. The word “inspired” means “God-breathed—filled with the breath of God.”

*2 Peter 1:20-21 - “But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”*

The main purpose in Scripture is salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (3:15). God is the source and ultimate Author of Scripture, written by humans.

### **All Scripture is profitable for teaching (doctrine, V16)**

The Bible provides the complete divine truth for life.

### **All Scripture is profitable for reproof (V16)**

The Bible exposes sin and directs lives to confession and repentance.

*Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

### **All Scripture is profitable for correction (V16)**

The Bible exposes improper behavior and provides for restoration to godly living.

### **All Scripture is profitable for training (instruction) in righteousness (V16)**

The Bible instructs us how to behave correctly; live godly lives.

### **So that the man of God (we) may be adequate, equipped for every good work (V17)**

If we seek and obey His will in our lives through His word, God will equip us with all resources that we will need to accomplish His will. We are to be ready to preach the word; in season and out of season. (V4:2)

### **For your Consideration:**

- Do you believe that All Scripture is inspired by God?
- Do you read and ponder Scripture daily?
- How has God’s word equipped you recently to accomplish His will?

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## BIBLE STUDIES

LEGISLATORS: WEDNESDAYS (SESSION OR HEARING DAYS) AT 7:30AM, STATEHOUSE ROOM 44

STATE STAFF AND LOBBYIST: WEDNESDAYS AT 12:10PM, STATEHOUSE ROOM 44