**Bibliology**

**I. REVELATION -** Revelation is the means by which God revealed Himself and spoke to mankind, revealing things that were unknown before.

A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – the unwritten revelation of God to men

1. This revelation is observed by all men through nature or creation (Ps. 19:1-6; Rom. 1:20; Acts 17:24-28), through the works of God (Acts 14:15-17) and through their consciences (Rom. 1:19; 2:12-16).
2. This revelation is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in itself for salvation (Acts 4:12; Rom. 10:17).
3. If men reject this revelation they are justly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 1:20, 18-25).
4. If they recognize this revelation, it appears God in His justice and mercy will give more revelation allowing the opportunity for the person to come to salvation (Acts 17:22, 23; 10:3-6; 2 Pet. 3:9; Heb. 11:6).

B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– the supernatural revelation of God to men

1. Throughout history, special revelation has come through many different avenues including: the lot, the Urim and Thummim, dreams, visions, theophanies, angels, prophets, events, Jesus, and the Bible.
2. Special revelation was the means God used to communicate His Word and ended with the completion of that Word (1 Cor. 13:10; Rev. 22:18, 19).
3. The special revelation of the Bible is dependable because it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

II. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Inspiration occurred as God moved men along so that they recorded His message to mankind in the writer’s style and language without error, using the words He chose to use, saying all He wanted to say.
2. Biblical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Inspiration

1. The entire Bible is inspired and profitable (2 Tim. 3:16).

a. In 1 Timothy 5:18 Paul combined quotes from the Old and New Testament and designated them both as Scripture.

b. Peter in 2 Peter 3:16 referred to Paul’s writings as Scripture.

2. All of the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim. 3:16).

- Though human authors wrote the texts, the Bible is the result of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. The entire Bible is profitable (2 Tim. 3:16) - It equips and instructs the believer (2 Tim. 3:16, 17).

4. The Holy Spirit moved or bore the writers of the Bible along (2 Pet. 1:21).

a. The Holy Spirit was the guiding and directing force for the writers of the Scriptures, though the writers played an active role.

b. The writers’ wills did not interfere with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Word.

c. What they wrote wasn’t from them but from God.

5. God’s message came to us in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(1 Cor. 2:13).

- The actual words of the Bible are inspired; thus, I believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Bible.

III. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible

A. The Importance of Inerrancy

1. The Bible \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.

a. That being the case, to deny the teaching is to deny part of the Bible.

b. If the Bible is errant in any way, all of its teachings are undermined and our understanding of Christ could be faulty.

2. In light of the above, I believe that the Bible is without error in all its parts and words and that it tells the truth in everything it says though written by sinful men.

B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Teachings of Inerrancy

1. Christ believed fully in the reliability of the Bible.

2. Jesus believed plenary (every word) inspiration (Matt. 4:1-11)

3. Christ had complete faith in the Old Testament’s reliability.

a. He believed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it recorded including the accounts of Adam and Eve (Matt. 19:3-5; Mark 10:6-8), Noah’s flood (Matt. 24:38, 39; Luke 17:26, 27), the destruction of Sodom (Matt. 10:15; Luke 17:28, 29), and Jonah and the great fish (Matt. 12:40).

b. He didn’t just allude to these stories but believed them to be entirely factual.

4. Christ believed the Law and Prophets would not be abolished but fulfilled (Matt. 5:17, 18).

a. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ included all of the Old Testament.

b. He believed the Old Testament promises would be fulfilled down to the very jots and tittles.

c. Christ believed every promise would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

d. Christ based His arguments from the specific words of the written Word not on its concepts (Matt. 22:23-33).

IV. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A. Definition of “canon” – a measure, standard, or criterion

B. In order for a book to be admitted into the canon, it had to meet criteria.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by God’s people

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – did it speak in God’s name

5\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– whether or not it possessed God’s power

\* 66 books passed this standard: 39 in the OT & 27 NT

C. God chose the canonical books. Councilmen recognized, with the Holy Spirit’s power, which book to include.