

INSPIRATION

It has been noted that inspiration is the cornerstone of evangelical theology. Baptist do not always agree with that statement, because many do not consider themselves to be in the same camp. So, they say that inspiration is the cornerstone of biblical theology. But, in both camps you find that most agree, that inspiration is a confession of the Bible being the written Word of God.

I would like to say that this is the end of the matter, but it is not. Because not all agree on the definition of inspiration. I would like to touch upon some of the definitions given that do not hold true to biblical exegeses.

- (1) That the writers of the Bible were men of great genius, but their writings were no more God-breathed than those of other geniuses throughout history.
- (2) The writers were Spirit-filled and guided believers, just as any believer is Spirit-filled and guided today.
- (3) The writers were at all times passive, and God dictated to them what to write.
- (4) Only certain parts of the Bible are inspired, namely, parts that man could never know by natural observation. Such as creation and prophecy.
- (5) Only the concepts are inspired, not the very words.

The word inspiration taken from II Timothy means, God-breathed. And Peter in his writing helps us better understand this process.

The Bible states that it is a product of God, even though it does not actually indicate in detail how all of it was done, the end result was the Word of God.

Scripture: King James Version: II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21.

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