

SPECIAL REVELATION

Historically the church has echoed the teaching, that the Bible is the Word of God. However, that is not to say that the Bible was written by the divine hand of God. God did not write the Bible as you and I may sit down and write a letter. But, He did write the Bible.

God wrote the Bible through the superintended work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit guided the human authors so that their words would be nothing less than the Word of God. Paul and Peter both spoke of this process. Paul used the word inspiration to describe this process, and the word means, God-breathed. But inspiration does not mean that God dictated His message to those who wrote. Rather, He communicated His Word through the agent of the Holy Spirit.

Outside of the writing of Scripture themselves, we know not how that God superintended the original writing. The Bible clearly calls attention to the human authors. These authors had their own vocabulary, special emphasis, perspective, and different style of describing something.

Some have problems with the Word of God at this point. But they must remember, that the human authors did not write down their opinions, but that their words were inspired by God. Christians affirm the inerrancy (being without error) of the Bible because God is ultimately the author of the Bible. This is what Special Revelation is: God revealing Himself through the Bible.

Scripture: King James Version: Psalm 119:1-176; John 17:17; I Thessalonians 2:13; II Timothy 3:15-17; II Peter 1:20-21.

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