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A STUDY THROUGH THE SCROLLS OF SCRIPTURE

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Essential Element:
Sufficiency

Element	Description
Inspiration	God Breathed
Authority	Call to obey
Inerrancy	Speaks Truth
Clarity	Absence of complication
Doctrine	Principle beliefs
Sufficiency	Enough for salvation
Canonicity	Prophets and Apostles

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## Sufficiency of Scripture

- Built upon foundation of:
  - Inspiration
  - Authority
  - Inerrancy
  - Clarity

- Brings about questions of:
  - Scriptural Basis
  - Definition
  - Scope
  - Implications

## Sufficiency- An overview

Scriptural Basis

Definition

Scope

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## Sufficiency of Scripture



#### The Scripture

The sole basis of our beliefs is the Bible, the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments. It was uniquely, verbally, and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and was written without error in the original manuscript. It is the supreme and final authority in faith and life in every age.

#### God

There is but one God, infinite in power, wisdom, justice, goodness and love, Creator of the universe, eternally existing in three persons-Father, Son and Holy Spirit-each of whom possesses all the attributes of Deity and the characteristics of personality.

#### Definition

But as for you, continue in

what you have learned

and have firmly believed,

knowing from whom you learned it

#### Definition

and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction,

and for training in righteousness,

that the man of God may be complete,

equipped for every good work.

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Scope

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence,

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by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

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Clarity

Focus on things eternal

Sufficient for SALVATION!

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Scope

This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

John 21:24

#### Scope

Now there are also many other things that Jesus did.

Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that
the world itself could not contain the books that would
be written.

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#### Scope

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in My name,
He will teach you all things
and bring to your remembrance
all that I have said to you.

John 14:26

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No!

Relationship- Holy Spirit's role to teach and remind

#### Scope

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said:

"Now prepare yourself like a man;

I will question you, and you shall answer Me:

"Would you indeed annul My judgment?

Would you condemn Me that you may be justified?

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Vastness- "Now prepare yourself like a man"

#### Scope

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the
Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,
for the glory of God gives it light,
and its lamp is the Lamb.

Revelation 21:22-23

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## Sufficiency-Implications

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#### **Implications**

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Psalm 19:7-8

#### **Implications**

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

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#### **Implications**

because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

#### **Implications**

For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God?

Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

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that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

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- Desired Law (Psalm 19 & Psalm 119)
- Final Authority (Romans 1 & Galatians 1)
- Definitively point to Christ (Ephesians 1)

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This word means to me...

This matters to my life because...

Take action! How can I implement this in my life?