

## The Doctrine of the Bible (Part II)

**BRBC Doctrinal Statement on The Bible:** We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the verbally inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will, and the final authority for life and faith for all men. Thus we believe that the Bible is the inerrant, infallible, and inspired Word of God.

Revelation: The transfer of God's Word from the mind of God to the mind of the human author. (1 Corinthians 2:9-12)

It is inerrant—free from error

It is infallible—incapable of error

Inspiration: The transfer of God's Word from the mind of the human author to the written document. (2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:15-17)

Inspiration is verbal—every word is inspired

Inspiration is plenary—all of the words are inspired. (Not merely concepts/ideas)

Canonicity: Lit. "rule" or "measuring rod." Refers to the accepted books of the Old and New Testaments. (Jude 1:3; Hebrews 1:1-2; John 16:13-14, 20:30-31)

Illumination: The transfer of God's Word from the written document to the mind of the recipient. (1 John 2:2; 4:6)

Interpretation: The process by which the Scriptures are understood by the reader.

Other resources:

*Living by the Book* by Howard Hendricks

*Women of the Word* by Jen Wilkin

*The New Treasury of Scripture Knowledge* by Jerome Smith

For bible study helps, as well as explanations of all of the books of the Bible, look up:

[thebibleproject.com](http://thebibleproject.com)

What is the Theological Process?

