

## The Doctrine of the Bible (Part I)

We cannot know God at all unless He speaks. This is the most profound fact, and the foundation of our faith: the God who created, also communicated to His creation. He revealed Himself and can be known. A sound view of scripture—what it is, how it came to be, how God has preserved it through the ages, and its authority in our lives—is fundamental to all other doctrines. Every church that ends up in apostasy and error begins, as a first step, by rejecting the authority and inerrancy of scripture.

**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, not just teachings

Inspiration is plenary—all of the words are inspired. Everything in the bible is significant, not just matters that speak of faith and practice. (Not merely concepts/ideas)