

NBC Proposed Confession of Faith

Sunday School Class

November 7, 2010

Class Outline



Class #1: Introduction: *Why Do This Study?*

Class #2:

1. The Tri-une God
2. Revelation (Part 1)

Class #3:

2. Revelation (Part 2)

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3. Creation of Humanity
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5. The Plan of God
6. The Gospel

Class #6:

7. The Redemption of Christ
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Class #7:

9. The Power of the Holy Spirit

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10. The Kingdom of God

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11. God's New People

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12. Baptism and the Lord's Supper
13. The Restoration of All Things

Revelation

The Holy Spirit: Author of Scripture By John Piper

On June 27, 1819, Adoniram Judson baptized his first convert in Burma. His wife, Ann Hasseltine, described how Moug Nau had responded to the Scripture: "A few days ago I was reading with him Christ's Sermon on the Mount. He was deeply impressed and unusually solemn. 'These words,' said he, 'take hold on my liver; they make me tremble.'" God spoke through Isaiah the prophet 2,700 years ago and said, "This is the man to whom I will look, he that is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word . . . Hear the word of the Lord, you who tremble at his word" (Isaiah 66:2, 5).



How God has Communicated to Us:

➤ By His Son...

“God has graciously disclosed his existence and power in the created order, and has supremely revealed himself to fallen human beings in the person of his **Son**, the incarnate Word (Heb. 1:1-3; John 1:1ff).

➤ By His *Spirit*...in **human words** (Cf. Mark 12:36)

Moreover, this God is a speaking God who *by his Spirit* has graciously disclosed himself in **human words**: we believe that God has inspired the words preserved in the Scriptures, the *sixty-six books of the **Old and New Testaments***, which are both record and means of his saving work in the world. These writings alone constitute the **verbally inspired Word of God**...”

Read **2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Eph. 2:19-21; John 14:25-26**

Is it True?

[*The Holy Spirit: Author of Scripture \(John Piper\)*](#)

Coming to a Reasonable Faith in Scripture

1. We Are Guilty Before God (p. 3)
2. Jesus Wins Our Confidence (p. 3)
3. We Follow the Teaching and Spirit of Jesus (p.4)

Since the Holy Spirit Wrote the Bible:

“These writings alone constitute the *verbally inspired* **Word of God**...which is *utterly authoritative* and *without error* in the original writings, *complete* in its revelation of his will for salvation, *sufficient* for all that God requires us to believe and do, and *final* in its authority over every domain of knowledge to which it speaks. We confess that both **our finitude** and **our sinfulness** preclude the possibility of knowing God’s truth exhaustively, but we affirm that, *enlightened by the Spirit of God*, we can know God’s revealed truth *truly*.”

Practical Implications:

“**The Bible** is to be *believed*, as God’s instruction, in all that it teaches; *obeyed*, as God’s command, in all that it requires; and *trusted*, as God’s pledge, in all that it promises. As God’s people hear, believe, and do the Word, they are **equipped** as disciples of Christ and witnesses to the gospel.”



Implications for All of Life (John Piper)

O, that we had all day to talk about the wonderful implications of this doctrine! *The Holy Spirit is the author of Scripture*. Therefore, it is true (Psalm 119:142) and altogether reliable (Hebrews 6:18). It is powerful, working its purpose in our hearts (1 Thessalonians 2:13) and not returning empty to the One who sent it (Isaiah 55:10–11). It is pure, like silver refined in a furnace seven times (Psalm 12:6). It is sanctifying (John 17:17). It gives life (Psalm 119:37, 50, 93, 107; John 6:63; Matthew 4:4). It makes wise (Psalm 19:7; 119:99–100). It gives joy (Psalm 19:8; 119:16, 92, 111, 143, 174) and promises great reward (Psalm 19:11). It gives strength to the weak (Psalm 119:28) and comfort to the distraught (Psalm 119:76) and guidance to the perplexed (Psalm 119:105) and salvation to the lost (Psalm 119:155; 2 Timothy 3:15). The wisdom of God in Scripture is inexhaustible.

How precious to me are thy thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

If I would count them, they are more than the sand.