He Gave Us Scripture
Study Guide 2.1
Lesson 2: Preparation for Interpretation
Section 1: Dependence on the Holy Spirit

OUTLINE FOR TAKING NOTES

Introduction

I. Dependence on Holy Spirit

A. Inspiration

  1. Divine Source

  2. Human Means

B. Illumination

REVIEW QUESTIONS

2.1.1 What term is used to refer to the way in which the Holy Spirit moved human beings to write God’s revelation as Scripture and superintended their work in a way that made their writings infallible?

2.1.2 2 Timothy 3:16 says that all Scripture is "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

2.1.3 Define each view of inspiration:

Romantic
Mechanical
Organic

2.1.4 Which view of inspiration is defended in the lesson?

2.1.5 2 Peter 3:15 states that Paul wrote his letters with the \_\_\_\_\_\_ that God gave him.

2.1.6 In Acts 2:25, the apostles say that God spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of his servant \_\_\_\_\_\_.

2.1.7 The lesson states, "One of the most important implications of the divine origin of Scripture is the Bible's unquestionable \_\_\_\_\_\_."

2.1.8 What theologian said, "I have learned to yield this respect and honor only to the canonical books of Scripture: of these alone do I most firmly believe that the authors were completely free from error."

2.1.9 What is the difference between the attitude of a "critical interpreter" of Scripture and the attitude of a "submissive" interpreter?

2.1.10 What term is used to describe the Holy Spirit’s work of conveying a proper understanding of Scripture to a human being.

2.1.11 What was John Owen's view of "illumination"?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. How do you prepare yourself before studying the Bible? What could you do to prepare better?

2. Do you sometimes study the Bible as an impersonal exercise, without depending on the illumination of the Holy Spirit? How can you avoid this?

3. Are you a "critical" interpreter of Scripture or a "submissive" interpreter? Explain.