

***The Word of God & the Work of God:
The Necessity & Sufficiency of Scripture***

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I will make it so in England that ploughboys will know more of the Bible than many priests do now.

William Tyndale

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accomplish the work of God.**

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The Sufficiency of Scripture

The Clarity of Scripture

The Authority of the Bible

The Necessity of Scripture

The Word of God is necessary to accomplish the work of God.

Necessity of Scripture which means that the Bible (in written form or spoken) “is essential for knowing the way of salvation, for progressing in godliness, and for discerning God’s will.”

God's people need special revelation to truly know God.

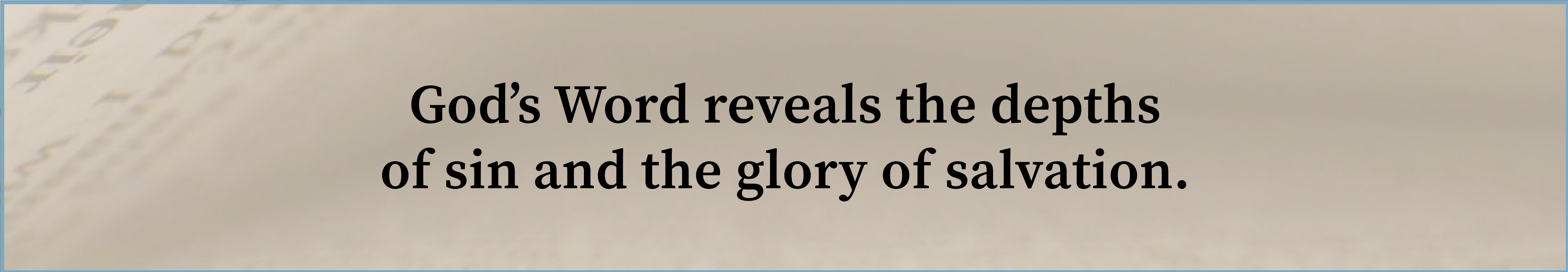
*The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above
proclaims His handiwork.*

Psalm 19:1

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.



**God's Word reveals the depths
of sin and the glory of salvation.**

For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good not even one.”

Romans 3:9

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

*And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written,
“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!”*

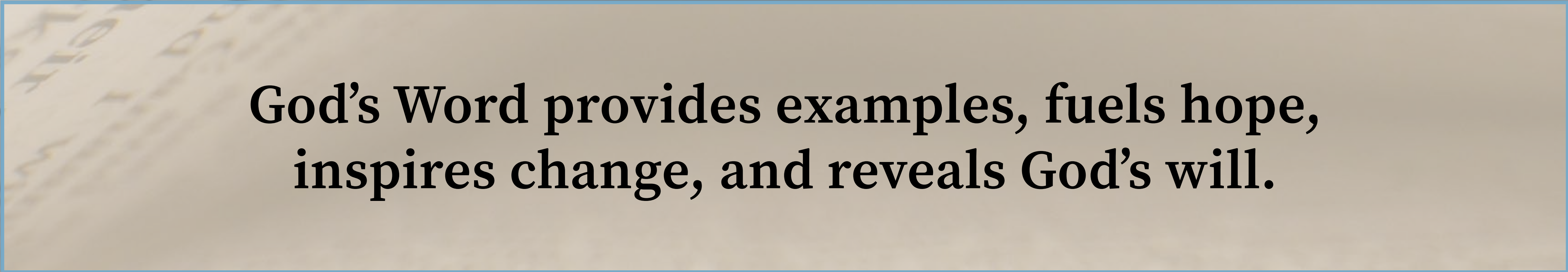
Romans 10:15

*But they have not all obeyed the Gospel. For Isaiah says,
“Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?”*

Romans 10:16

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ.

Romans 10:17



**God's Word provides examples, fuels hope,
inspires change, and reveals God's will.**

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God.

Deuteronomy 8:3

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.

Romans 15:5

The Word of God is sufficient to accomplish the work of God.

Sufficiency of Scripture means that the Bible (written or spoken) “provides everything that people need to be saved, and everything that Christians need to please God fully.”

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

2 Timothy 3:16

that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness,

2 Timothy 3:10

my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra — which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me.

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

2 Timothy 3:12

*while evil people and imposters will go on from bad to worse,
deceiving and being deceived.*

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it.



God works through the Bible to save people.

“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about Me,”

John 5:39

“yet you refuse to come to Me that you may have life.”

John 5:40

“For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

Then He said to them, “These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

Luke 24:45

and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,”

“and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

Luke 24:47

“You are witnesses of these things.”

Luke 24:48

“And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

**God works through His Word to build up believers
in knowledge, maturity, and obedience.**

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2 Timothy 3:16

that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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.

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel —

not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the Gospel of Christ.

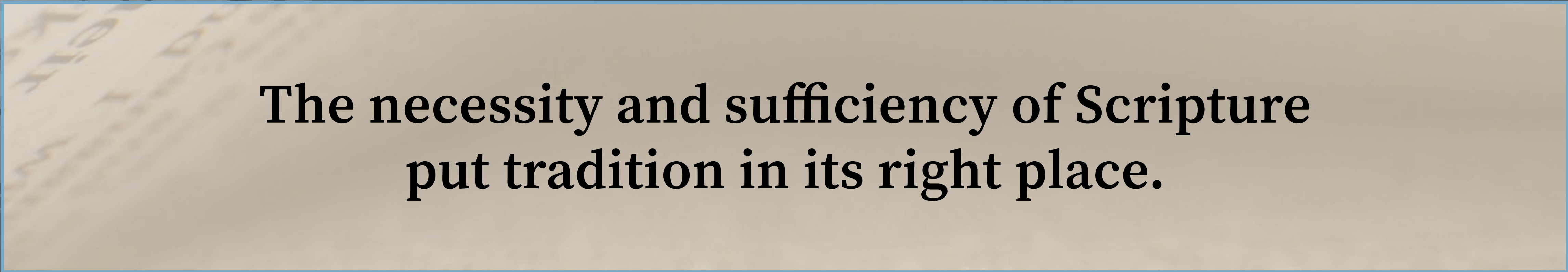
Galatians 1:7

But even if we or an angel from Heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.

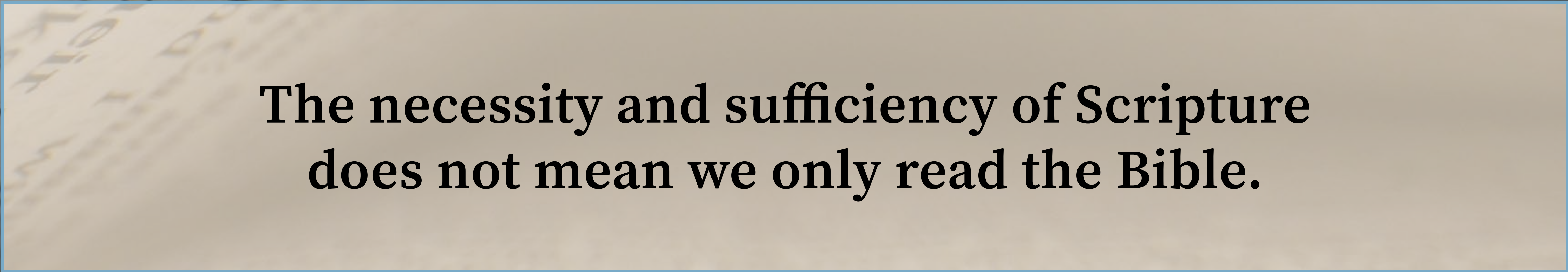
Galatians 1:8

As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

The necessity and sufficiency of Scripture does not replace the Holy Spirit as the third member of the Trinity.



**The necessity and sufficiency of Scripture
put tradition in its right place.**



**The necessity and sufficiency of Scripture
does not mean we only read the Bible.**

The necessity and sufficiency of Scripture does not mean there is no place for teachers and preachers.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His Kingdom:

preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in teaching and preaching.

1 Timothy 5:17

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