

# Truth and The Word of God

**PART 2**

All Statements of Truth  
Must Be Measured Against  
A Standard

# John 18:37-38 (TPT)

*Then Pilate responded, “Oh, so then you are a king?”*

*“You are right.” Jesus said, “I was born a King, and I have come into this world **to prove what truth really is**. And everyone who loves the truth **will receive my words**.”*

*Pilate looked at Jesus and said, “What is truth?”*

## 2 Timothy 4:3-4 (TPT)

*For the time is coming when they will no longer listen and respond to the healing words of truth because they will become selfish and proud. They will seek out teachers with soothing words that line up with their desires, saying just what they want to hear. They will close their ears to the truth and believe nothing but fables and myths.*

# What's Your Standard?

- ▶ It's easy for us to say it is God
- ▶ It's much harder to live this way
- ▶ Devotion to earnestly studying the Word of God, daily

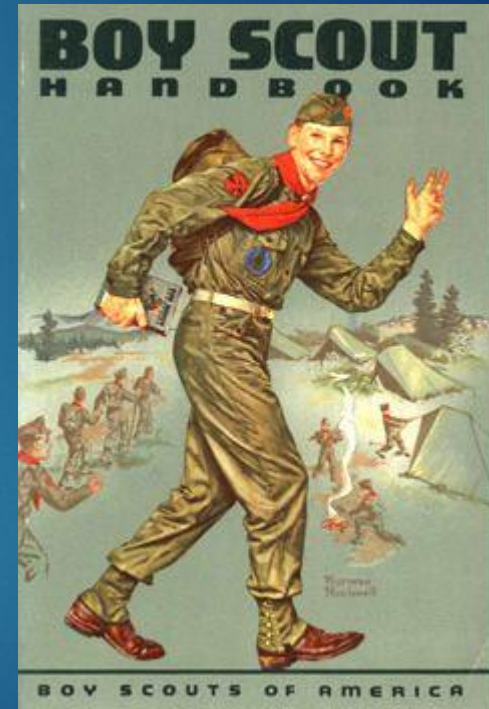
*Every Scripture has been written by the Holy Spirit, the breath of God. It will empower you by its instruction and correction, giving you the strength to take the right direction and lead you deeper into the path of godliness. Then you will be God's servant, fully mature and perfectly prepared to fulfill any assignment God gives you.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17

- ▶ We all take a position
- ▶ We all need a guide
- ▶ What the Bible says about the Bible
  - ▶ Old Testament
  - ▶ New Testament – Jesus
  - ▶ New Testament - Apostles

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position ...

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guide ...





# The Old Testament

- ▶ Glimpses from the New Testament
  - ▶ Jesus's view
    - ▶ Matthew 5:17-18
  - ▶ Paul's view
    - ▶ 2 Timothy 3:15-17
  - ▶ Peter's view of Paul's writings
    - ▶ 2 Peter 3:16
- ▶ The Old Testament never talks about itself, outside of itself, like the New Testament does, nonetheless ...

# The Old Testament

- ▶ God infinitely condescends Himself to make Israel aware that the Creator of the universe was speaking to them through the words of men.
- ▶ He spoke in the human language
  - ▶ Genesis 12:1
  - ▶ Exodus 20:1-3
  - ▶ Isaiah 6:8
- ▶ He spoke to people through people
  - ▶ 2 Samuel 7:5
  - ▶ Isaiah 38:5
  - ▶ Jeremiah 35:12-13
  - ▶ 1 Kings 16:12
  - ▶ Isaiah 45:5

# The Old Testament

- ▶ God intended for His revelation to be written down
  - ▶ Exodus 17:14
  - ▶ Exodus 34:27
  - ▶ Jeremiah 30:1-3
- ▶ God intended for His Word to be seen as absolute truth
  - ▶ Psalms 12:6
  - ▶ Psalms 119:160
  - ▶ Psalms 119:89-90
  - ▶ Proverbs 30:5-6

# The Old Testament

- ▶ The Old Testament makes astonishing claims
  - ▶ God speaks to men
  - ▶ God has these men speak to other men
  - ▶ God has these men write it down
  - ▶ God states that His Word is absolute truth
- ▶ And then along comes Jesus
  - ▶ Matthew 5:17-18
  - ▶ Jesus was sent by God to speak His absolute truth ... in person!

# The Old Testament

- ▶ Jesus affirms that He was there when the Old Testament was written
  - ▶ 1 Peter 1:10-11
- ▶ Jesus affirms that the Old Testament was inspired
  - ▶ Mark 12:35-37
  - ▶ Matthew 19:3-6
- ▶ Jesus affirms that the Scriptures cannot be broken
  - ▶ John 10:33-36
- ▶ Now it gets personal - Jesus affirms that the Scriptures help you avoid error
  - ▶ Mark 12:19-24

# Now it gets personal

- ▶ **God loves us!!!** The Scriptures are meant to protect those He loves

Truth Leads To ...	Error Leads To ...
<b>Freedom</b> , John 8:31-32	<b>Bondage</b> , 2 Timothy 2:25-26
<b>Being Saved</b> , 2 Thessalonians 2:10	<b>Destruction</b> , 2 Thessalonians 2:11
<b>Enlightenment</b> , Psalms 43:3, Ephesians 5:9	<b>Deception</b> , Proverbs 12:17, 2 Corinthians 11:13
<b>Life</b> , 1 John 5:20	<b>Death</b> , 2 Samuel 6:7

# The Old Testament

- ▶ Jesus defeats the devil with the Old Testament
  - ▶ Matthew 4: 3-11
- ▶ Jesus saw His Life, Death and Resurrection as a Complete Fulfillment of Scripture. Some examples:

Example	New Testament	Old Testament
Cleansing of the temple	Mark 11:15-17	Isaiah 56:7
Blindness to parables	Matthew 13:13-14	Isaiah 6:9-10
His entire ministry	Luke 4:16-21	Isaiah 61:1-2
The ministries of Jesus and John the Baptist	Mark 9:11-13	Isaiah 52:13-53:12
His betrayal	Mark 14:21	Psalms 41:9
The disciple's abandonment	Mark 14:27	Zechariah 13:7
His arrest as a criminal	Luke 22:37	Isaiah 53:12

# The New Testament

Jesus is ALL AUTHORITY because He is God and Lord of All

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- ▶ Matthew 28:18
- ▶ John 17:2
- ▶ Matthew 11:27
- ▶ John 14:6
- ▶ Matthew 16:18
- ▶ Matthew 7:28-29
- ▶ Matthew 25:31-32
- ▶ Matthew 24:35
- ▶ Luke 8:24
- ▶ Luke 4:35-36
- ▶ Mark 2:10-11
- ▶ John 5:19
- ▶ Acts 10:36
- ▶ John 1:1-5
- ▶ John 20:28
- ▶ Romans 9:5
- ▶ Colossians 2:9-10
- ▶ Hebrews 1:8-9



# The New Testament

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Why does it exist?

- ▶ Jesus's purpose was to spread a movement, in His name and for His Glory, to all the peoples of the world
  - ▶ Matthew 28:18-20
- ▶ He aimed to gather a redeemed people into churches
  - ▶ Matthew 18:17
- ▶ And He aimed that they would live under the authority of His teaching until the end of the age
  - ▶ Matthew 7:24-27
- ▶ He gave the Apostles the authority, in the Holy Spirit, to write down His Word ... His Teaching!
  - ▶ 2 Corinthians 2:17

# Bottom Line ...

- ▶ **16** All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living,
- ▶ **17** so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed.
  
- ▶ 2 Timothy 3:16

# This is Part 1 of a Series

- ▶ To search the Word and discover as a body the Scriptural basis for the organizational structure of SCCC
- ▶ To potentially amend SCCC's Articles of Organization, at the end of a thoughtful, studious and participatory period

Topic	Date	Elder
Where we go to find guidance and authority	Feb 10, Mar 10	Dale
The purpose of SCCC	Apr 14, May 12	Gary
Membership in SCCC	Jun 9, Jul 14	
Elders & Deacons	Aug 11, Sept 8	Dave
Church Discipline	Oct 13, Nov 10	Doug

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- ▶ Structure:
- ▶ Five topics to be worked through over a period of 2 months each
- ▶ Begin each topic with a teaching on Sunday – Second Sunday of the month)
- ▶ The designated Elder would teach on the topic that Sunday
- ▶ During that teaching, lay out the scriptures for further study by the body over the coming month (as a handout)
- ▶ Follow with an email to the body outlining the teaching and scriptures for study
- ▶ Then a month later, on that same designated Sunday (Second Sunday of the month), after church, a final meeting to discuss what individuals have learned, what God has shown them, and develop written statements that would be the basis for the new Articles.

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