

# In the Holy Scriptures

(Rom 1:2)

- Read introduction: Rom 1:1-15
- I. “In holy writings”
  - A) Separate, distinct and set apart from ALL other writings as ‘Truth’
    - 1. The scriptures are the recorded words of the Holy Spirit of God and entered into record by the men He chose
      - i. 2 Pet 1:19-21- Inspired of God’s Spirit
      - ii. Acts 1:16- Words which Holy Ghost spake through David
      - iii. 1 Tim 4:1- Spirit speaketh expressly
    - 2. 2 Tim 3:15-17- God has given us a standard and a rule
      - i. His Own righteousness demand He do so
  - B) The bible doesn’t contain God’s word, it is God’s word
    - 1. John 17:17- Thy word is truth
    - 2. Dan 10:21- Scripture of truth
      - i. 2 Pet 1:19-21- This is what Peter meant by a “more sure word of prophecy”
        - a) Psa 11:7- His word is verity
        - b) 1 Kings 8:56- Not one word has failed
        - c) James 2:23- Scripture verifies scripture (justifies its claims)
  - C) The bible is one, it is not a library of 66 books, nor a division of 2
    - 1. So many teach today that O/T = Jews, N/T = Christians
      - i. The word of God has always been for the people of God (Abraham’s seed)
    - 2. This seems to be in the forefront of Paul’s mind, as he determines to show that his message is no departure from the past record, it is the fulfillment of it
      - i. Paul’s message was only a departure from their traditional and incorrect interpretation of the scriptures
        - a) The same is true of the Sermon on the Mount, and of all the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ
- II. The Stumblingblock
  - A) Christ’s appearance, humility, manners and suffering were all completely contrary to the Jewish interpretation concerning the Messiah
    - 1. John 5:39- Search the scriptures, they testify of Me
    - 2. Matt 22:19- Ye do err, not knowing (understanding) the scriptures
  - B) It was because of this that Paul’s manner was as it was
    - 1. Acts 17:1-3- Messiah must suffer and die, Jesus is that Messiah
    - 2. Rom 3:31- We don’t contradict the Law, we verify it
      - i. If our interpretation of the N/T contradicts the O/T, then we are wrong

- a) God is the same
  - 1) His method of atonement is the same (sacrifice), only presented differently
  - 2) His method of salvation is the same (Abraham)
  - 3) His hatred and wrath on sin is the same
  - 4) His righteousness is the same
  - 5) His Law is the same
  - 6) His kingdom is the same
    - 1. Matt 8:11- We enter into same kingdom Abraham entered into of old
    - 2. Gal 4:29- O/T saints regenerated

III. Both our material and our method must come from the word of God, or it is false

- A) John 10:35- Jesus dependence upon the scriptures as proof (cannot be broken)
  - 1. Luke 4:21- His preaching
  - 2. Matt 21:42- His rejection
  - 3. Matt 26:54- His death in Jerusalem
  - 4. John 13:18- His betrayal by Judas (John 17:12)
  - 5. Matt 26:56- His being deserted
  - 6. Mark 15:28- His being numbered with transgressors
  - 7. John 19:24- His garments parted
  - 8. John 19:28- His thirsting
  - 9. John 19:36- His bones not broken
    - i. Thus Christ proved that all that He was undergoing was exactly as the Lord had both appointed and prophesied
      - a) 1 Cor 15:3-4- Paul goes about doing the exact same, only he shows all that Christ has already fulfilled was in accordance with the truth of the scriptures
        - 1) We have the promises in the Old and the explanation in the New
      - b) Rom 9-11- We can see the importance of Paul's teaching the truth about the doctrine of the remnant, for that also was a stumblingblock, just as it is today

IV. "Sola Scriptura" (by the scriptures alone)

- A) 2 Tim 3:15-17- Thoroughly furnished or completely outfitted
  - 1. This is the Protestant first and foremost claim against Rome
- B) Authoritative use of the scriptures even in tense and number
  - 1. Matt 22:32- Scripture tense proves Abraham lives
  - 2. Gal 3:16- Scripture number proves Christ is the Seed

V. Rom 15:4- Thus the Old Testament is a comfort to us and builds faith and hope

- A) Do not use the O/T as a "devotional" or a "history book," it is the word of God