

## Tidings From Timothy

**A**uthority. It's not exactly a pretty word, but there is actually a great need for it in religion. We will find out why this morning.

**In Need of Prayer:** Some, like Buell Abney and Ronnie Branstetter are recovering from procedures done on them. Others mentioned Wednesday night for prayer are Connie Tooley and Jackie Bots. Be listening for an update on the sick this morning..

**Singing:** Don't forget that things were switched this month. We will have singing this evening and fellowship since we did the youth service last week. I want to thank those who organized the corn toss tournament last Sunday night. I think everybody had fun. We should do more things like this.

**Nursing Home Service:** This is today at 2pm. It makes them feel more like they are in church when we have a big crowd and they have family present.

**Pantry Item:** Vienna Sausages.

## Is It From God?

Compared to the number of all books ever written, there are not many in the world that claim to be inspired of God. But of those books that do claim inspiration, the Bible stands out among them all. In this article I will begin to show you that the Bible does indeed claim to be from God, and then in later articles the proof of that inspiration will actually be given.

You may think that showing that the Bible says it is inspired would be real easy. After all, aren't their all kinds of "thus saith the Lord's" in it? Yes, there are, but almost all of these are found in the Old Testament. Furthermore, the New Testament references to scripture refer back to the Old Testament most of the time. So lets focus on the New Testament. Can you give me a verse that says that the New testament is inspired of God? Come on now, don't dawdle, give me the

verses! You see, there are many people who it seems don't understand Biblical inspiration like they ought to, and they do not understand how the Bible claims to have been given from God to man.

It is obviously important that the Bible (the New Testament in particular) claim that it is the word of God. If a claim is not made, then the Bible will be lacking in foundation and clarity. To illustrate, how could one know if a man is a king if that man did not claim to be a king? Could the man exercise authority over his subjects without invoking the authority of a king? Obviously not. And neither may the New Testament serve as the inspired words and commands of God for us today without claiming to be such. On the other hand, a man is not king just because he says he is. Neither is the Bible the inspired Word simply because it claims to be.

### New Testament Claims

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The Bible speaks of its own inspiration in different ways. The central figure in the New Testament claims for its own inspiration is Jesus Christ.

In John 12:49, Christ himself says *"For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, He gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak."* Thus all the statements of Jesus in the Bible boldly proclaim the New Testament's inspiration, for the Father and Son speak as one. The very purpose of the Scriptures is to bring salvation to mankind. II Timothy 3:15 says the Scriptures make men *"wise unto salvation through the faith which is in Christ Jesus."* The Bible does this in the New Testament by giving us the testimony of Jesus (**Luke 24:46,47; Heb. 10:7; Rev. 19:10**). Therefore the New Testament claims to give us the Testimony of Jesus and God's plan for man's salvation. --Tim McHenry

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- Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7
- Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16
- Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10
- Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

## Study the Bible?

God speaks to us today through the Holy Word of God - The Bible (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Scriptures instruct us in the way God requires His people to live (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The Bible is powerful and able to save us (Romans 1:16; James 1:21-25), if we will hear, learn and obey it.

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**Verses for the Lord's Supper: Genesis 22:6 - 8** <sup>6</sup>So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. <sup>7</sup>But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." **John 1:29** <sup>29</sup>The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

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Evening Worship...	6pm

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