

SOLA SCRIPTURA

God Speaks: The Clarity of Scripture

Sola Scriptura series

1. God rules: the *authority* of Scripture. (6/3)
2. God speaks: the *clarity* of Scripture. (6/10)
3. God leads: the *sufficiency* of Scripture part 1. (6/17)
4. God leads: the *sufficiency* of Scripture part 2. (6/24)

**Scripture is clear about the message of the
gospel and clarifies the motives of the heart.**

1. SCRIPTURE IS _____ (2 Timothy 3:15).

“The clarity of Scripture means that the Bible is written in such a way that its teachings are able to be understood by all who will read it seeking God’s help and being willing to follow it.” Wayne Grudem.¹

A. Scripture is clear because _____.

“If the Scriptures be so obscure and difficult to be understood, that they cannot be read with advantage by the people then this hath happened, either because the Holy Spirit could not write more plainly, or because he would not. No one will say that he could not: and that he would not, is repugnant...” William Whitaker.²

“I certainly grant that many *passages* in the Scriptures are obscure and hard to elucidate, but that is due, not to the exalted nature of their subject, but to our own linguistic and grammatical ignorance; and it does not in any way prevent our knowing all the *contents* of Scripture.” Martin Luther.³

¹ *Systematic Theology*, 108

² Quoted in Mark D. Thompson, *A Clear and Present Word*, 156

³ *The Bondage of the Will*, 71

B. Scripture is clear about _____.

“Every text is predictive of the work of Christ, preparatory for the work of Christ, reflective of the work of Christ, and/or resultant of the work of Christ.” Bryan Chapell.⁴

2. SCRIPTURE _____ (Hebrews 4:12).

A. Scripture is _____ and _____ .

“The word of God probes the inmost recesses of our spiritual being and brings the subconscious motives to light...” F. F. Bruce.⁵

B. Scripture _____ the _____.

FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION & APPLICATION:

1. Name some other verses that describe the clarity of Scripture.
2. Can you give a recent example of how Scripture has clarified your situation or the motives of your heart?
3. Is there a circumstance in your life in which you need Scripture to bring clarity? Who can you ask to help you find that clarity on that topic from God’s word?

NEXT WEEK: God Leads: The Sufficiency of Scripture, Part 1.

⁴ *Christ-Centered Preaching*, 275

⁵ *The Epistle to the Hebrews*, 113