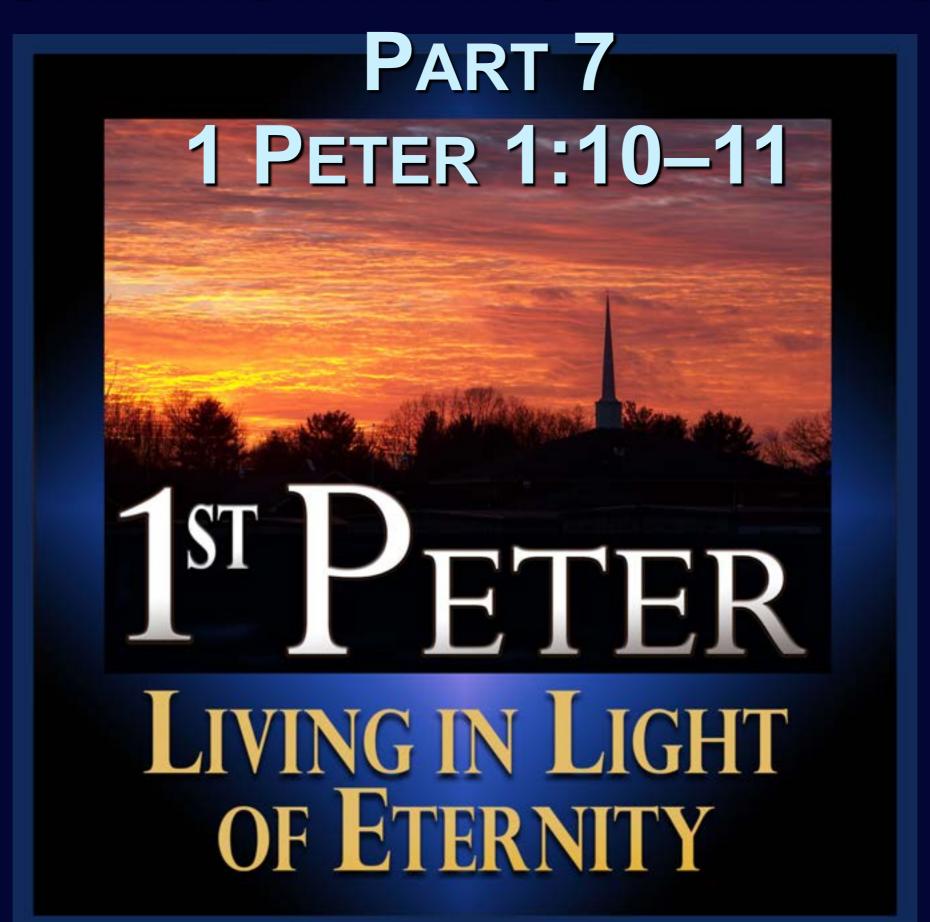
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Understanding Inerrancy



- 1 Pet. 1:10, "Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you,
- 1 Pet. 1:11, "searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.
- 1 Pet. 1:12, "To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into."

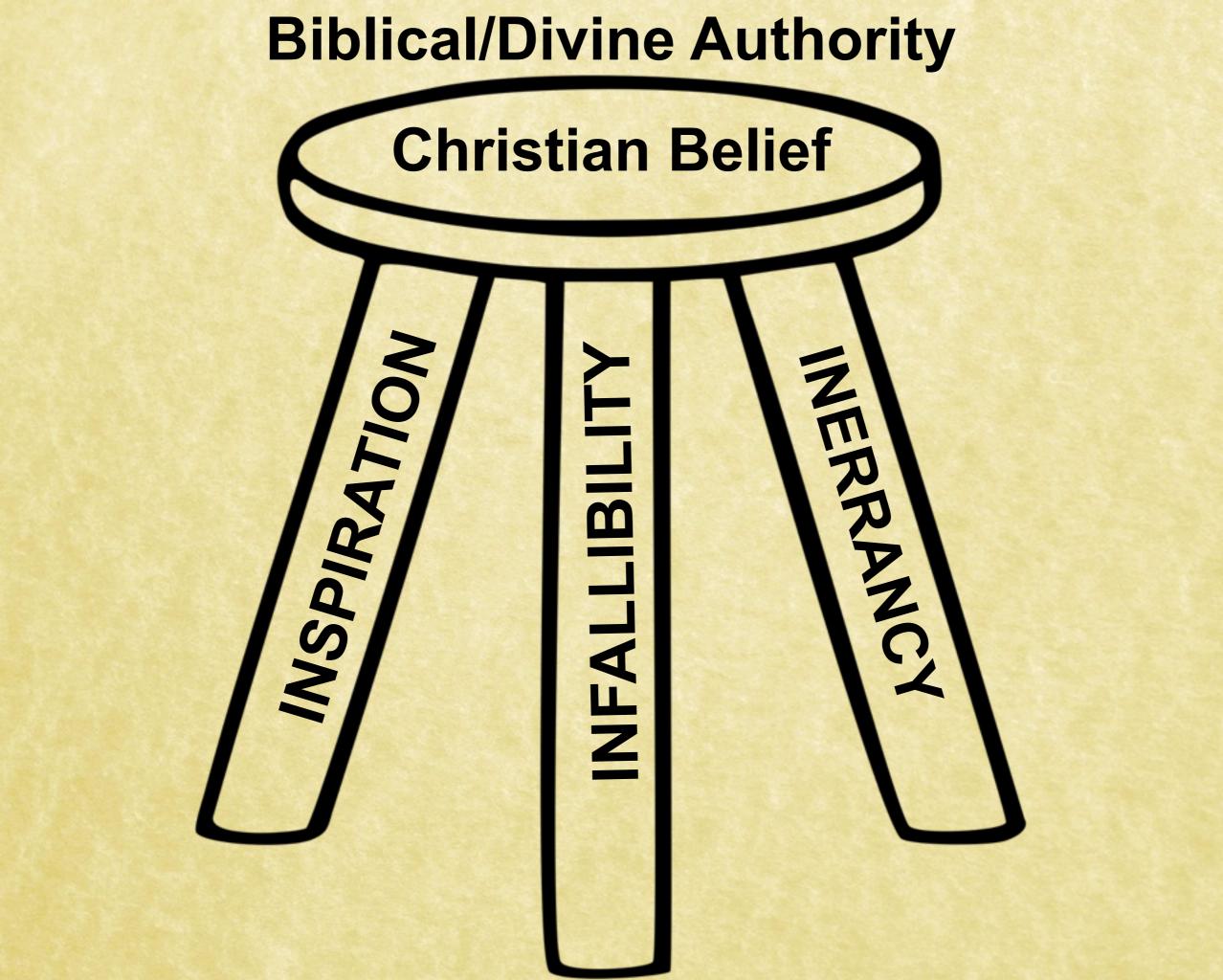
The Doctrine of Inspiration and Inerrancy of Scripture

inspiration [Greek, θεόπνευστος (theopneustos) literally "God-breathed"] God the Holy Spirit so supernaturally directed the human writers of Scripture, that without waiving their human intelligence, vocabulary, individuality, literary style, personality, personal feelings, or any other human factor, His complete and coherent message to mankind was recorded with perfect accuracy in the original languages of Scripture, the very words bearing the authority of divine authorship. (John 10:35; Matthew 5:18; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Corinthians 2:14–16)

2 Tim. 3:16, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Tim. 3:17, "that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

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(verbal)
God-breathed



Inspiration means "God-breathed" (2 Timothy 3:16) and means that the Bible is God's complete and connected thought to mankind (2 Peter 1:20–21; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Matthew 5:18; John 16:12–13). Addresses the ORIGIN of the Bible.

Infallible – Every word is equally authoritative. The Scripture is incapable of failing, cannot be wrong or broken, and its authority is permanent and eternal. Addresses the AUTHORITY and ENDURING NATURE of the Bible (John 10:34–35; Matt. 5:18).

Inerrancy – No error existed in the original autographs of Scripture. Some have seen the necessity to insert the word "unlimited" to describe inerrancy, but this is redundant. Addresses the ACCURACY of God's Word (John 17:17).

Though every word is equally infallible, and authoritative, not every word is equally applicable to every believer.

If every word is breathed out by God, then it is the responsibility of the Pastor-Teacher to investigate and exegete every word, the entire counsel of God, though not every word need be necessarily taught. Time is a factor.

If every word is breathed out by God and then the Bible is absolutely and totally sufficient for salvation, spiritual growth, and problem solving.

- 2 Pet. 1:3, "seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.
- 2 Pet. 1:4, "For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust."

If every Word is from God to us, nothing should be more important than learning and applying His Word.

Old Testament Perplexing Passages

"There was not a scholar who doubted that the Torah was compiled in the period of the Second Temple."

~U. Cassuto

"It is true that differences of opinion with regard to details were not lacking: one exegete declared this source the earlier and another exegete that source; some attributed a given section or verse to one document and some to another; certain scholars divided a section or verse among the sources in one way and others in another way;"

"... there were those who broke down the documents themselves into different strata and others who added new sources to those already mentioned, and so forth. Nevertheless even though no two scholars held completely identical views, and though these divergences of opinion betrayed a certain inner weakness in the theory as a whole, yet in regard to the basic principles of the hypothesis almost all the expositors were agreed."

~Cassuto, 6

"Nowhere in the Ancient Orient is there anything which is definitely known to parallel the elaborate history of fragmentary composition and conflation of Hebrew literature as the documentary hypotheses would postulate."

"And conversely, any attempt to apply the criteria of the documentary theorists to Ancient Oriental compositions that have known histories but exhibit the same literary phenomena results in manifest absurdities." ~K. A. Kitchen, *AOOT*, 115

Third Day

Gen. 1:11, "Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth'; and it was so.

Gen. 1:12, "And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good."

Gen. 2:5, "before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground;"

Num. 25:9, "And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand."

1 Cor. 10:8, "Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell;"

2 Sam. 24:1, "Again the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel, and He moved David against them to say, 'Go, number Israel and Judah.'"

1 Chron. 21:1, "Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel."

2 Chron. 4:2, "Then he made the Sea of cast bronze, ten cubits from one brim to the other (540 in.); it was completely round. Its height was five cubits, and a line of thirty cubits measured its circumference (565 in.)."

