

## We Believe: Article 2 – The Bible Sunday: 9/24/2023 – Pastor Lenard Tavernelli

*“We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.”*

### Overview:

This week Pastor Lenard introduced us to Article Two of our statement of faith: The Bible. It is important for us to understand that God has spoken to us and that he has done that solely in his written Word. As a church we recognize that God’s Word is his complete and perfect message to us and that he communicated it without error through the inspiration of the authors. We see God’s Word as that, a message from the creator and sustainer of all creation. Therefore, we believe this message, trust what God has communicated, and respond in obedience.

### Outline:

1. The Bible is God’s word: Psalm 19:1-2, 2 Peter 1:16-21
2. The Bible is written
3. The Bible is inspired: 2 Peter 3:15-16. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
4. The Bible is inerrant: Proverbs 30:5
5. The Bible is sufficient: Proverbs 30:6, Isaiah 66:2
6. The Bible is supreme Acts 17:11

How should we respond?

1. Believe: 2 Timothy 3:15
2. Obey: Deuteronomy 4:2, John 14:15
3. Trust: Isaiah 40:8

### Discussion Questions

1. The inerrancy of scripture is under attack all around us today. Our views on scripture are a foundational matter. Divine inspiration is a major building block to this view. From the sermon, How would you define and defend divine inspiration from the sermon?
2. Why is it important to have a biblical view of the Bible? What is at stake if someone doesn't believe these 6 truths about the Bible?
3. Knowing that God’s Word is what this article states it is (supreme), what practical step can you take this week (and continue to apply in your life) as it relates to scripture?
4. Was there anything else that stood out in the sermon?

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2. We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures (Matt. 1:22; 4:4; 19:4,5; Heb. 1:1-2), both Old and New Testaments (2 Pet. 3:15,16), through the words of human authors (Lk. 1:1-4). As the verbally inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20,21), the Bible is without error in the original writings (Num. 23:19; 2 Sam. 7:28; Prov. 30:5; Ps. 119:96, 160; Matt. 5:18; Jn. 10:35; 17:17; Tit. 1:1,2), the complete revelation of His will for salvation (Lk. 16:29-31; Gal. 1:8,9; 2 Tim. 3:15), and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged (Jn. 17:17; 1 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Pet. 1:23; Ps. 119:44,45,165). Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches (Matt. 22:29; Rom. 15:4; 2 Tim. 3:16), obeyed in all that it requires (Matt. 28:20; 2 Thess. 3:14; 1 Jn. 2:5), and trusted in all that it promises (Rom. 1:2; 4:21; Heb. 10:23; 2 Pet. 1:4; 3:13).