

The Scriptures Are Sufficient For Everything

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Some may ask: *Just how sufficient is the Word of God?* Can it really speak to, relate to, apply to, or address my particular issue in my life? I want to show you just how sufficient the Word of God really is.

God's Word is sufficient...

1. To tell of who God is.

Everything you need to know about God in terms of His character, His nature, His being, His essence, His tri-unity, His works and deeds, and His salvation-plan is contained within the pages of Scripture. Not everything is exhaustively revealed. But what God has revealed is sufficient for us to teach us and educate us on who the One, True God really is.

2. To disclose who man really is.

To find out who man is, one must not look internally since the heart is deceitfully wicked and desperately sick. The heart masterfully deceives man into thinking that he is morally good, moral, and worthy of praise. The Scriptures, however, reveal that man is corrupt and at enmity with God. Man is guilty of sin in his nature because Adam — our federal head — sinned and his deed affected (or, infected) all of his posterity without exception. One's anthropology must come from Scripture and it does sufficiently reveal who man is and the predicament he is in.

3. To reveal what the gospel is.

The good news of how sinful man can be reconciled with a holy God cannot be found in nature alone, nor can it be found in man's internal psyche. The good news of how a wretch can be justified before a righteous Judge is found only in the pages of Scripture. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ. No one can be saved who has not heard the biblical gospel as the Word of God reveals it. Good ideas cannot save. Good morals cannot save. Good deeds cannot save. Good religious affections cannot save. Good knowledge about God cannot save. Only the Word of God can reveal the truth about the gospel of Christ that can save a person.

4. To speak to any life situation.

Some claim today that the Bible does not specifically "mention" a particular issue, scenario, disorder, or disease and, thus, the Bible is insufficient. On the contrary, the Bible is completely sufficient because it does speak to every single life situation. Though it may not mention how to respond in a particular situation, it *will* provide underlying and guiding principles so that when *any* and *every* situation of life happens, the believer can know how to act. God's Word is the truth brought to bear so that the believer knows how to act at any given time.

5. To give the big picture in God's redemptive plan.

The Word of God gives the big picture in God's redemptive plan. It can be summed up quite simply by saying that "from Him and through Him and to Him are all things — to Him be the glory forever and ever." This statement details the truth that every single event that happens comes about from the hand of God, by means of the working of God, and resulting in the glory of God. Only the Bible reveals that God is to be praised for everything that has happened and everything that will happen. When humans understand why a given circumstance occurred or not, God still is to be praised. The big picture in God's overall redemptive plan is to bring Him the utmost glory. As it has been written: all things are to the praise of his glorious grace.

6. To magnify the glory of God in and through all things.

The Bible does say that all things exist for God and for His glory. He created all things and sustains all things for his own glory. He will bring an end to all things for His own glory. He will recreate all things and restore all things anew so that His glory is manifested in a fresh, awe-inspiring way. Thus, it is the Bible alone that enlarges the glory of God in and through all things so that God is elevated far above all things. He must be uplifted. He must be crowned. The Bible magnifies the majesty of God so that all things subservient to Him would serve, submit, and prostrate themselves in worship before the Holy and Supreme Sovereign.

7. To regenerate the most hardened and deceitful heart.

Though the heart is at enmity with God and it hates God, the Word of God can powerfully penetrate through the hard heart. God's truth is like a rock which can shatter the hard heart. Or, as the prophet of old put it, God's Word is like a fire and man's heart is like wood and the fire will always consume the wood. And so it is with God's Word. It — and it alone — is what the Holy Spirit uses to regenerate the defiant and self-worshipping heart. It is God who speaks through His Word to save a sinful soul. This comes about because the Word of God is living and active; it is sharper than any two-edged sword. Nothing can stand against the Word of God.

8. To counsel a person effectively to show sin & promote godly change.

Secular psychology and so-called Christian psychology elevate human reason to bring about help and change to humans in undesirable circumstances. The Word of God, however, is the only instrument given by God to effectively counsel a saved soul so that the root sin-issue is exposed and a godly pattern-of-life is promoted to replace it. Secular psychotherapy or Christian psychology cannot produce spiritual results because its authority is human reason. When Divine revelation is affirmed, however, and when it is brought to bear and applied to a regenerated believer, he will receive the divine truth and strive by the Spirit's enablement to promote godly change and holiness. Thus, God's Word is the Truth and it is profitable for all things so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.