



A PLACE TO BELONG
and *Grow*

Welcome
to your home church!

Foundational Values for the church

The Authority of Scripture

2 Timothy 3:13-17

1 Corinthians 2:1-14

I. THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD. (2 Tim. 3:13-17)

A. Inspiration by God puts the focus on the origin of Scripture.

2 Pet. 1:20-21 – “Know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by and act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”

B. Scripture is *from* God and *about* God.

II. THE BIBLE IS THE AUTHORITATIVE WORD OF GOD.

Sola Scriptura – “Scripture alone”

A. Commonly raised questions:

“Don’t people who claim to follow the authority of Scripture pick and choose whatever they want to observe?”

“Can an intelligent, educated, 21st century person, who believes in science and critical thinking and is opposed to ancient practices like slavery, read the Bible literally and seriously, believing it has the authority to determine our beliefs and behavior today?”

B. What the Bible is not.

It is not an owner's manual for the Christian life.

**The Bible is God's story of Redemption
through Jesus Christ.**

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD (1 Cor. 2:1-14).

A. The Spirit illuminates (7-15).

B. The Spirit empowers (1-5).

1 Thess. 1:5 - “For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.”

“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105)

