

All Scripture?

II Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

What is “Scripture”?

The Apostle Paul wrote two letters to his ministerial companion, Timothy. At the time of his writings, Paul, imprisoned, at the end of his life, passes the baton of his ministry to his protégé. Paul’s words encourage Timothy to the task ahead, and provide him with guidance from Paul’s experience.

In his second letter, Paul makes the oft-quoted statement above. Christian religion takes liberties with this verse, as they do with the rest of the Bible, taking the verse out of context, and making of it what they will.

This article will explain the verse above, define “Scripture” as it applies to Paul’s statement, and show how the Christian religion misuses this verse, among other things.

There is Scripture and There is Scripture

Paul states that “All Scripture...”. His reference is to the Old Testament writings which he often quoted during the course of his ministry. He did not include the other writings that comprise our New Testament as, in some instances, they had not yet been written, and in all instances, had not yet been collected and included into a single work. The canonization of our New Testament wouldn’t happen until 300 years future. In Paul’s day, the various letters (epistles) written back and forth were not revered as the Word of God to man as is commonly believed in religion today. They were simply letters: people communicating with one another. It would take men of a future time in a false religion to assign these letters the status of “God breathed” and “spiritually inspired”. Not all of these letters met this criteria. Paul did not call his letters divine, neither did Peter or James.

In 393 AD (Council of Hippo), men of the errant Roman pagan Christian religion would choose, then deify a collection of Jewish Hebrew letters, labeling them “Holy Inspired Text”. These writings became our New Testament.

All of these writings were placed on the same level of importance with no difference noted. This was a mistake that will be covered shortly. What escaped the councils notice was the stark difference between Paul’s epistles of Grace, the Jewish Hebrew epistles of law and works, and the four Jewish Gospels that did not speak to the Gentile world at all. Neither was Paul singled out as God’s ambassador to the Gentiles sent by God with a new message to the Gentile world. They missed the fact that the Jews had been put away: cast into obscurity, and their Jewish writings, having nothing to do with the Gentiles, and nothing to do with anyone else, had been rendered obsolete. This lack of understanding as to the writers of these books, the subject matter, and the dichotomy of Jew and Greek, the law and grace, revealed men of ignorance whose choices created centuries of confusion that persist to this day in the Christian religion.

The Jewish Hebrew Letters

If Paul had read any of the Jewish Hebrew epistles, which is highly doubtful, and there is no evidence that he ever did, he would **not** have considered them Scripture, divine inspiration, or instruction for the Body of Christ. Paul received from God a very different message for the Gentiles; a message Paul repeatedly took to the Jews who repeatedly refused Paul's divine mission from God. Interestingly, this same refusal of Paul and God's message to mankind is happening today in the Christian religion, just as it has for the last 2000 years.

The Jewish Hebrew epistles, written to the Jews, speak of the Jewish law, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, the Tribulation, Christ's second advent, everything that concerns the Jews, saying nothing that concerns the Gentiles. These Jewish Hebrew letters were written by the Jews with no thought of the Gentiles, and sent to the Jews, not to the Gentiles, and there is no mention of the Gentiles or the Body of Christ in the text of these Hebrew letters. It is clear that the authors of the Jewish Hebrew epistles had no concept of Paul's ministry, God's change in direction for the world, or the Body of Christ, as their letters did not include any Pauline language in their writings.

Bear in mind these Jewish authors of the Jewish Hebrew epistles had no knowledge of God's working through Paul to the Gentiles, no understanding of God's message through Paul, or that the content of their Jewish letters, and their Jewish religion, had been superseded and retired.

The Jews didn't know that God would soon scatter all the Jewish people like chaff across the globe for 2000 years making them obsolete, as the last 2000 years demonstrate. The Jews who believed Jesus as their Messiah, called Christians by their detractors, knew nothing more than their Jewish laws and heritage, still condemning the Gentiles as heathens and sinners as they do to this day.

Whatever the Jews had to say in their writings, it became obsolete, having no connection to the Body of Christ then or now, or anytime in between. The writings no longer applied to the Jews, or even the Gentile Christian sect that decided to follow these writings to the exclusion of God's message to mankind that He sent through the Apostle Paul.

The New Testament

Here are a few facts:

- The canonization of our New Testament was a lengthy process, but for all intents and purposes, occurred in 393 AD (Council of Hippo). That is when men of the Roman religion decided what to include and what to omit in a central reference work that we call the New Testament.
- This New Testament canonization took place three centuries after Paul's death, 300+ years after Paul's remark of "All Scripture". How many people do you know from 1701 AD? (75 years before the United States became an independent nation). That would be the same time frame as people in 393 AD remembering the Apostle Paul from 60 AD, and that in an archaic world without the internet and extensive libraries. What memory remained of Paul in that later time was not the Paul we see in his epistles as evidenced in the writings

of that period, and since. Neither did those people have the Bible for reference as we have today.

- The Canonization process of the New Testament was somewhat haphazard with a focus on the wrong questions:
 1. Was the author an apostle or have a close connection with an apostle?
 2. Is the book being accepted by the body of Christ at large?
 3. Did the book contain consistency of doctrine and orthodox teaching?
 4. Did the book bear evidence of high moral and spiritual values that would reflect a work of the Holy Spirit?

All four questions are irrelevant. That they would ask such things makes it apparent that the people and the process were absent the Spirit of God, and these men did not understand Paul and his ministry. Compare the comments below with the questions above:

1. **“Was the author an apostle...”** First and foremost, the Jews were put away and taken out of the picture for the final 2000 years of mankind. The Jews and their writings had no connection with the Body of Christ. The Jews did not even understand the truth of God through Paul and this is obvious through their writings. In fact, the Jews came to no purpose as made evident over the last 2000 years.

The question is not that of a connection with an apostle, but God calling one Apostle, and that being Paul. This the Council of Hippo did not understand.

None of the other Apostles had God’s leading, calling, or understood God’s message He gave mankind through Paul. Nothing became of the other Apostles as they were rendered moot. Even Peter and James and their followers in the Jewish Christian Church knew only that Jesus was the Messiah, nothing more. They were Jews and remained Jews in the Jewish religion.

All the Jews for the last 2000 years have been put away in blindness. Whatever the Jews had to say in their epistles was not doctrine, or profitable for reproof, correction, or instruction for the Body of Christ, or for anyone in this new Age of Grace.

Apostleship was not a valid criteria for selecting material for inclusion in our Bible. However, God worked through these men to include these Jewish letters in our New Testament that we might juxtapose Grace and law, and marvel at God’s grace toward us: His adopted children.

The Roman pagan religion did not recognize the distinction between Paul and the other Jews. Instead, Paul was forgotten, God’s message ignored, and the retired, obsolete Jewish material became the foundation for all things Christian. The Christian church, without God or His Spirit, floundered and failed, and has wallowed in failure from its inception.

2. **“accepted by the people at large”** The Roman pagan Christian church in the fourth century had nothing to do with the Pauline Body of Christ as no one had God’s abiding Spirit. This is obvious from writings of that era.

Having a popularity contest to decide what books to include in the Bible from amongst the religious of that day hardly rises to the level of authority. Many Christians today have their favorite books and verses of the Bible they would choose to include in such a collection of writings for various reasons, but the vast majority of these individuals do not have a relationship with God, do not have the Spirit of God, do not have salvation, and have absolutely no idea what the Bible means or says. What qualification does the majority have over anything when, in religion, the majority is, and has always been, wrong.

3. **“consistency of doctrine and orthodox teaching”** The Jewish Hebrew epistles were consistent in Jewish doctrine and orthodoxy that spoke to the Jews under the law. What do such things have to do with the Body of Christ? If you do not have the Spirit of God, as these men did not, you do not have the discernment to know anything about God’s Word or God’s message. Do you look to the Jewish Hebrew epistles, see a consistent reference to the law, and decide for this reason alone it is inspired and good for Christ’s Church that has no law? That is ridiculous. Yet that is what happened.

The Jewish books were full of consistent Jewish doctrine and Jewish orthodox teaching that had nothing to do with the Gentiles in the Age of Grace. It was a wrong measurement for the wrong reasons. Again, God wants this information in the Bible for the Body of Christ, but not for the reasons listed or for what purpose the Christian religion believes. These Jewish books provide a look inside Judaism and Jewish thought, but do not provide doctrine or direction for Christ’s Church.

4. **“High moral and spiritual values”** Everyone ever born knows right from wrong. All religions of the world - *all of them*- have their writings of high moral and spiritual values for their followers to pursue in a personal works program as they attempt to attain some higher level of Spirituality. Catholicism, Buddhism, and the writings of Augustine are good examples. Judaism, also, speaks of good things and good works, but is void of God’s Spirit. All the cults pick up on this idea of “good thoughts and things and works” and they, too, spout trite little sayings: this is their bread and butter. In fact, you can’t have a religion of any kind without these good words to encourage followers to good thoughts and good deeds.

The problem is not our knowing or recognizing or wanting good in our lives. The problem is our failing to do the good we know. These false religions, with all their good words and works, are pushing a program of humanism in ***“you trying your best to do your best.”*** These religions are powerless to change a person They can only remind their followers of how far they fall short. Only a relationship with God and the abiding Spirit in man can accomplish this, and there is no religion on earth that has, or has ever had anything like it, including Judaism and Christianity.

All these many institutions are fortune cookie religions with their good words, parables, laws, and wise sayings. You can easily find these things at your local restaurant stuffed inside their fortune cookies. Assigning these “good values” as “evidence of the Holy Spirit” is laughable, and shows a complete lack of understanding of everything Bible, man, God, and Spirit.

Hippo-posterous

In choosing which writings to include in the New Testament, these men of Hippo decided to call everything “spiritually inspired”, placing the Jewish literature on equal footing with the Pauline epistles and God’s message to mankind. But their defining questions reveal a lack of understanding that:

- the Jews and their writings were put away in blindness, removed from the scene as they have been for the last 2000 years
- the Jewish writings and good words had no value going forward from those early days any more than any other religion of good words and works before or after that time
- nothing the Jews ever wrote contained mention of the Gentile Body of Christ let alone teaching, direction, correction, doctrine, or instruction suitable for Christ’s Church.
- everything Jewish was rendered obsolete.
- the Jesus of the four Gospels had nothing to do with the Gentiles, calling the them dogs,
- the ascended Christ sent the Apostle Paul to the Gentile world with a completely different message and in a completely different direction then Jesus gave to the Jews.
- the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews did not speak to the Gentiles, but simply closed the 4000-year history of the Old Testament, and the 2000-year history of the Jewish people. All that is necessary to understand this is a cursory review of the last 2000 years and reading the epistles of the Apostle Paul.

These men of the fourth century Roman pagan christian religion just didn’t know any better.

The Roman Pagan Christian Church

The Roman Church that Constantine sanctioned produced the environment and the men who canonized our New Testament.

- Constantine created the Roman Church in 313 AD. It was a political move to quell the religious unrest between many religious factions of that time by uniting all religions together into one state church. The government provided benefits to the people; incentives for them to get along. Constantine named his new religion after his mothers faith: Christian. Constantine never followed the Christian religion.

- This religion of 313 AD called Christianity was not the first century Pauline body of Christ. It was not God's message to mankind. It was a collection of many religious beliefs. These other religions included pagans, pagan worship, pagan gods, hedonism, philosophy, knowledge, humanism, science so called, and many other influences, including a religion calling itself Christian. Truly an inclusive religion if ever there was one. Also, there was the concept of Jewish and pagan temple worship that continues today. Never mind such things were replaced centuries earlier by the abiding Spirit of God.

(There is no provision in Paul's message from God for temples, churches, cathedrals, or other buildings where people go to worship God. God is not there. As Paul says, we are each the temple of God via the Spirit of God that abides in us.)

- This new Roman pagan Christian religion did not include God's message to man, Pauline doctrine, the Body of Christ, God, or the indwelling Spirit of God. The question must be asked, what did these religious people know? Answer: they knew nothing. In short, the false, deficient religion of that day is the false, deficient religion of this day. Our New Testament came from this mish-mash of blind, biblically ignorant individuals and their false beliefs, canonized 80 years after Constantine's Roman church began.
- The Canonization of the New Testament occurred just prior to Augustine and his theology that had no connection to the Bible, God's truth, God's messenger (Paul), or God's mystery: the indwelling Spirit of God. Augustinian Theology lives on today in what is called Covenant Christian religion, covering both Catholic and Protestant belief systems. It is a false religion, lacking God and God's Spirit, its single intent being the ruination of mankind through religious form, void of substance.

The point is this: Paul's remark that "All Scripture is Given by Inspiration..." did not include writings that did not exist at the time of the Apostle Paul. His meaning of "Scripture" was a reference to the Jewish books of antiquity, what we today call the Old Testament, and nothing more. Neither did Paul call his 13 letters "inspired" or "God Breathed".

- **Paul, saying "All Scripture", did not mean the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews, or the Gospel Jesus, neither having anything to do with the Gentiles.**
- Paul did not mean the Jewish Hebrew epistles written by Jews, to Jews, for Jews, about Jews, the Jewish law, Jewish things and Jewish times. These things were contrary to the new message God sent into the world through Paul; things Paul spoke against.
- **Paul did not mean the writings of these Jews that God put away in unbelief for 2000 years, blind and hardened, who never wrote anything to or for the Gentiles, or understood God's message to mankind, and would not listen to or believe Paul who was God's ambassador sent into the world.**
- Paul did not mean the Jewish writings that did not address the Gentiles; whose writers called dogs, heathens, and sinners. Writings that did not, in any way,

- include the Gentiles in the Age of Grace, let alone provide doctrine, reproof, correction, or instruction for the Body of Christ.
- **It was God who sent His message to the Gentiles through Paul.**
 - It was God who put away the Jews and went to the Gentiles.
 - **It was the Jews that were “taken offline” this entire 2000-year Age of Grace, making zero contribution to mankind in the interim.**
 - Paul saying “All Scripture” did not mean the Jewish Hebrew epistles or the four Jewish Gospels that men of an errant religion, yet 300 years future, would mistakenly choose to exult, glorify, magnify, and deify unjustly.
 - **All of these Jewish authors, books, writings and stories were Jewish and had nothing to do with the Gentiles except to provide us with an essential reference of a time past and God’s working through mankind.**

Furthermore, the construction of our New Testament came from men in the Pagan Roman Christian religion:

- **A religion ignorant of God and God’s word.**
- A religion in darkness, lacking God’s abiding Spirit.
- **A religion of form over substance that lives on today in error.**
- A religion as blind as the Jews in legalism and religiosity.
- **A religion of men who hated God’s chosen: the Jews.**
- A religion of arrogance that unilaterally decided they are God’s chosen, supplanting the Jews.
- **A religion that decided they are the true Israel.**
- A religion that decided God did not give the promised land to the Jews. Ouch!
- **A religion without God’s Spirit as evidenced in the writings and musings of the Church, and Augustine, whose theology of many errors was fully embraced by the Roman pagan Christian religion.**

Still, God worked through these men of ignorance to provide us with the Bible we have today; the Bible that explains a past time: the transition from law to grace; from lost to found: the story of Jesus, the Jews, and the Gentiles. The Bible, then, both Old and New Testaments, provide us with the “big picture” we could not otherwise see; information God wants us to know; information not available from any other source; information we need to understand our past, our salvation, and our life today in this sunset of humanity.

Discerning what is Scripture, writings that are **given by inspiration of God and speaks to us, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness**, requires a relationship with God and the Spirit of God indwelling. You cannot know these things otherwise as evidenced by the pervasive errors of the Christian religion that has neither.

These Jewish writings do tell a story we need to hear, but they are writings Paul would not and did not include as “God-inspired, and profitable for the Gentiles in this Age of Grace”. And they are not. They are from the failed Jewish religion: Jews under the law, for the Jews under the law who were disobedient and set aside. These were Jews who did not understand God’s new message to mankind through the Apostle Paul. These writings have nothing to do with the Gentiles, the Gentile Body of Christ, or God’s plan for mankind going forward into the final 2000 years of mankind: the Age of Grace.

Christian Calamity

The Christian religion is not the Body of Christ and never was. It is a religion about God, or a god, not a relationship with God, and does not have the Spirit of God. It is a religion about good things, doing good things, and being good. That’s not helpful. It is no different from any of the thousands of fortune cookie religions of our world. That’s the problem with Christianity now, and it has been the problem for most of 2000 years, and it is not likely to ever change.

Fun Fact: The Christian religion, Protestant and Catholic, is found nowhere in the Bible. It is a made-up religion of many systems loosely defined by Bible verses taken out of context, and/or made-up traditions, superstitions, imaginations, mysticism, stories and fables, extra-biblical writings, errant beliefs and rituals, in a false religion of candles, statues, chanting, babbling, beads, pagan costumes, empty practices and more, all wrapped in a form of liturgical pomp and show that has no biblical support, totally void of God’s Spirit. Mormonism was also created in such a manner and is such a religion.

Fun Fact: The word Christian(s) appears in the Bible only three times and always and only referred to those Jews who believed Jesus was their Messiah. The Gentiles were never called Christian. Neither was the Body of Christ.

Fun Fact: Consider, in the 30 plus years of ministry and writing, neither Peter, Paul, James, John, nor Jude ever used the term Christian to describe themselves, their followers, or their church.

The Christian religion is blind. They know nothing of Paul and they refuse God’s message to them through Paul. Instead, they only know the Jewish material that no longer applies to the world: not to the Gentiles, and certainly not to the Body of Christ. The Jewish writings do not even apply to the wayward Christian religion that, in ignorance, decided these books were God speaking to them. He’s not.

A Time Warp

The Christian religion today sees the Bible one dimensionally, a book fragmented into little pieces of text, disconnected from time and space. It is a book of words on a page, out of context, where every verse of the Bible is its own franchise: little more than snippets of sayings reduced to a “Christian law”. Christianity picks and chooses verses from the Bible that they use, out of context, removed from the textual flow, apart from their meaning, divorced from their intended audience and the intent of the writer. They use verses “cafeteria style” in whatever way they choose, regardless of whether or not the application is relevant or correct. There is no thought or reason in what they decide a verse means. All of this the result of them not having the Spirit of God meaning no spiritual discernment.

Fun Fact: Christians know verses from the Bible and many can quote an impressive number of passages. But, they have no idea what the words mean. They are no better than parrots.

Fun Fact: The Covenant Christian religion is nothing more than a random collection of Bible verses taken out of context.

Fun Fact: Covenant Christianity is not a valid expression of biblical truth.

A Joker in the Deck

The Christian religion takes Paul’s statement on “All Scripture” and uses it as a wild card. With it, any passage in the Bible is now “God Breathed”, “Holy Spirit Inspired”, and doctrine for their Church.

Religion can misuse any verse, claim it says whatever they want it to mean, then throw the “All Scripture” card. “Hey, it’s in the Bible. All of the Bible is Scripture. All Scripture is inspired. Therefore, (this or that verse) means whatever I say it means and you must believe and obey because it is in the Bible and inspired by God and it must be true.”

Sheeeeeesh!! It really is that bad. Nobody recognizes the problem because Christian Church members, for centuries, have had no idea what any of the Bible means. They know only what they are told.

For instance, take the single Hebrew verse Christianity uses to push mandatory church attendance. It is not an appropriate application of the verse, means nothing to the Gentiles, and does not apply to any but the Jews under the Jewish law. Nowhere in the Bible is there any such thing as mandatory church attendance for the Body of Christ. In fact, the Christian religion model of “Church” is a hand-me-down from the Jewish and pagan temple worship they inherited from the Catholics. “Church” is obsolete, replaced by the indwelling Spirit of God as each and every member of the Body of Christ is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. Yet, the Christian religion continues with this ancient church model. As a result, Christianity decided this Jewish verse applied to them. It doesn’t. That doesn’t stop them from holding their members accountable to obey their false doctrine.

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

The Christian Church says, “Based on this verse in the Bible, the Scriptures, every word being the inspired Word of God, this verse is **profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness**” and “you must go to Church”. The Bible says so. If you don’t go to Church and assemble together with others, you are forsaking the command of God, disobeying God, and committing a sin. Says so right there in the good book. \\\\\\\\\\\\ False Doctrine \\\\\\\\\\\.

So, what does the verse mean and who is it for?

The verse in question was written by a Jew, to the Jews under the Jewish law, and addressed a law, the minyan, that required Jewish men to assemble three times daily for prayer in groups of no less than ten.

The verse comes from the Jewish Hebrew epistle, Hebrews, a letter that, in its entirety, has nothing to do with the Gentiles, written by a Jew, to Jews, for Jews, about Jews, the Jewish law, and Jewish things and Jewish times. There is nothing anywhere in the book of Hebrews for the Gentile world. Only the Jews. The verse says to the Jews: follow the Law.

But wait, this is a verse, it is in the Bible. It is Scripture. All Scripture is inspired, God breathed, and All Scripture is profitable for doctrine, correction, and instruction.

Not this one! So much for “All Scripture”!

The entire Christian religion - all of it - is built on this sort of nonsense, and has been following this faulty line of reasoning from its inception. Look closely at their beliefs, what they say and write, and you will find a religion that is much more Jew than Gentile; a religion that is not the Body of Christ and not following God’s direction through Paul; a religion on its way to the Tribulation along with those Jews they hate, but whose writings they choose to follow. Go figure.

The Christian religion takes writings from the Jews, to the Jews and for the Jews as their doctrine. Their errant ideas on missions, evangelism, baptism, tithing, Jesus, Mary, tongues, confessions, false gospels, false gods, false saints, celibacy, priests, monks, diets, communion infusing grace, and on and on and on: all religious quackery with zero biblical support.

Check out the other Jewish Hebrew books: I Peter, II Peter, James, 1, 2, 3 John, Jude, The Book of the Revelation. ALL JEWISH. Nothing here for the Body of Christ - not one mention. These books are not and could not be included in Paul’s statement of “All Scripture”. The Hebrew books do not contain doctrine, instruction, correction, or guidance for the Body of Christ.

Yet, the framers of our New Testament did not know enough to distinguish the different books or the characters of the Bible into their rightful rolls. And no one sense has caught their error.

Fortune Cookie Religion

Every single religion in the world - all of them - Christianity included, can offer nothing more than a fortune cookie theology.

A relationship with God is not religion. It is the abiding Spirit of God.

Ever hear of the *Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*? Every person born into this world instinctively knows right and wrong - like a bird knows how to fly. All of the religions of this world are long on trite little sayings, platitudes, laws, rules, sage old wisdom, old wives' tales, cliches, encouragement, cute little stories and sayings, and proverbial examples of what to do and what not to do; what to be and how to be. That's all fine as it goes. You can't have a retail religion without these nice words. And that is all there is to any religion: empty words, powerless to change anyone.

Knowing right and good is not our problem. Our challenge is doing the good we know. Guess what - no one in the history of man has ever yet succeeded in doing good all the time. We are flawed, imperfect, prone to failure. Failure is our default and always has been, always will be. We will always be wanting in the eyes of a perfect, almighty God regardless of how hard we try, or how often we go to church", or how many prayers we pray, or how many good works we do, or how often we go to communion, etc, etc. We do not need a religion to remind us how bad we are, or tell us to fight a battle we will never win. We need something better, permanent, miraculous; something beyond those phony-baloney man-made, made-up religions that cannot help us. We need God: a relationship with God, and God indwelling. Good news! That is exactly what God offers to all who turn to Him and away from Satan.

God came to earth as the man Jesus to die for our sins, trading His life for ours; bearing our rightful punishment on Himself to reconcile us to Him. When we choose God, He gives to us His abiding Spirit: God Himself in us. There is not one religion on the face of this planet, today or ever, that offers such a salvation in a relationship with the creator God. It's all about the relationship, not the religion of words and works.

Conclusion

All Scripture. What is Scripture? Not everything is Scripture. The Word of God is Scripture. The Word of God is truth. **You will never find truth in any religion on this planet. Guaranteed!** The only possible way for a person to discern the Word of God and the Truth of God is through the Spirit of God. The Spirit is the author of the Bible. The Spirit is God.

God eagerly awaits the man and woman who turns to Him, that He might give to them His Spirit, and satisfy their soul with truth beyond their ability to ask or think. Be one of them.

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