



## Lecture #3, Part 2

### Course Information

#### 1. Course Description

A study of the persons of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit and their unified teaching of the doctrines of the Bible.

## Survey of the Doctrines of the Bible

### I-The Doctrine of the Bible

1-Revelation

Deut. 29:29

2-Means of revelation

Heb. 1:1

3-Mystery

Eph. 3:3

4-Inspiration

2 Tim. 3:16

5-Holy Spirit in Inspiration

2 Pet. 1:21

6-Authority of the Scriptures

John 10:35

7-Inerrancy

John 17:17

8-Preservation of Scriptures

Jer. 36:27

9-Lost Books

2 Chr. 33:19

10-Canonicity

Gal. 6:16

11-Illumination

Psalms 119:18

## Introduction to Doctrinal Footnotes

These theological footnotes are divided into three sections **(1) explanation**, **(2) illustration**, and **(3) application**. When you have absorbed all the notes within one topic area, you will have completed a total survey of that doctrine.

### 1-The Doctrine of the Bible

#### 10-Canonicity

Gal. 6:16

**Explanation:** The word canon originally meant “reed” (a measuring rule) and came to signify a standard for determining which books were Scripture. The books placed in Scripture:

- (1) were considered inspired
- (2) gave evidence of containing revelation
- (3) gave evidence of apostolicity; and
- (4) were uniquely used by the Holy Spirit.

When the church finally collected the 66 books into a “**canon**,” it did not make the books become Scripture: the church was only recognizing what God had done. The books were Scripture the moment they were written.

**Illustration:** Not all Christian literature of the first century is included in the canon, only that which is inspired. The church at Ephesus was one of the first to collect the books of the New Testament, and it carefully examined them before endorsement.

**Application:** As Christians read the Scriptures, they should walk according to their rule.



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### 11-Illumination

### Psalm 119:18

**Explanation:** Illumination is the ministry of the Holy Spirit by which He causes Christians to understand the truths of God revealed in Scripture. The word conviction, meaning “cause to see,” is primarily used of the Spirit’s work in revealing sin in the unsaved (**John 16:8**). The word understanding is used of the Spirit’s work in revealing other truth in Scripture.

**Illustration:** The psalmist recognized the need for supernatural aid in understanding the Scriptures and prayed that his eyes would be opened (**Psalm 119:18**). This would also be a good prayer for Christians today as they approach the Scriptures.

**Application:** Since the Bible was written by holy men of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, it should also be read by holy men of God and women of God illumined by the Holy Spirit.