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(Continuation from 10/23/13)

THE RADICAL EXPERIMENT ONE YEAR TO A LIFE TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

(2 Timothy 3:10-17)

2 Timothy 3:16 (NASB)

¹⁶“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.”

The writers of the New Testament confirm the claims of the Old Testament writers (**Hebrews 1:1**; cp. **Matthew 1:22**; **Matthew 2:15**; **Acts 1:16**; **Acts 28:25**; **Ephesians 4:8**; **1 Timothy 1:18-20**). They show the high authority of the Scriptures when they use phrases such as, “It is written” and “Scripture says.” They expected the readers and hearers to be bound by Scripture.

Hebrews 1:1 (NASB)

¹“God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways.”

Matthew 1:22 (NASB)

²²“Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet.”

Matthew 2:15 (NASB)

¹⁵“He remained there until the death of Herod. *This was* to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON.”

Acts 1:16 (NASB)

¹⁶“Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.”

Acts 28:25 (NASB)

²⁵“And when they did not agree with one another, they *began* leaving after Paul had spoken one *parting* word, ‘The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers.’”

Ephesians 4:8 (NASB)

⁸“Therefore it says, ‘WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN.’”

1 Timothy 1:18-20 (NASB)

¹⁸“This command I entrust to you, Timothy, *my* son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight,

¹⁹keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.

²⁰ Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan, so that they will be taught not to blaspheme.”

- c. The writers of the New Testament claim that the Bible is the Word of God ([Acts 15:28](#); [1 Corinthians 2:13](#); [1 Corinthians 3:1](#); [1 Corinthians 11:23](#); [1 Corinthians 14:37](#); [1 Corinthians 15:1-4](#); [Galatians 1:11-12](#); [1 Thessalonians 2:13](#); [2 Peter 3:2](#)). Paul affirmed in behalf of all the apostles that their words were divinely taught ([1 Corinthians 2:13](#), note the word *we*). Peter asserts the same level of authority for the writings of the apostles as for the Old Testament Scriptures ([2 Peter 3:2](#)). The view of inspiration was clear in the early church: the first church council stated that the conclusions of the council were given by the Holy Spirit through the leaders ([Acts 15:28](#)).

[Acts 15:28 \(NASB\)](#)

²⁸ “For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials.”

[1 Corinthians 2:13 \(NASB\)](#)

¹³ “Which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*.”

[1 Corinthians 3:1 \(NASB\)](#)

¹ “And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ.”

[1 Corinthians 11:23 \(NASB\)](#)

²³ “For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread.”

[1 Corinthians 14:37 \(NASB\)](#)

³⁷ “If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment.”

[1 Corinthians 15:1-4 \(NASB\)](#)

¹ “Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,

² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”

[Galatians 1:11-12 \(NASB\)](#)

¹¹ “For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

¹² For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but *I received it* through a revelation of Jesus Christ.”

[1 Thessalonians 2:13 \(NASB\)](#)

¹³ “For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted *it*

not *as* the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.”

2 Peter 3:2 (NASB)

²“That you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior *spoken* by your apostles.”

- d. Jesus Christ claims that the Bible is the Word of God. He contrasts the Scriptures and the commandments of God with the traditions and instructions of men ([Mark 7:6-13](#)).

Mark 7:6-13 (NASB)

⁶“And He said to them, ‘Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites’, as it is written: ‘THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.

⁷‘BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.’

⁸Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.

⁹ He was also saying to them, ‘You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition.’

¹⁰“For Moses said, ‘HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER’; and, ‘HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH’;

¹¹ but you say, ‘If a man says to *his* father or *his* mother, whatever I have that would help you is Corban (that is to say, given *to God*),’

¹² you no longer permit him to do anything for *his* father or *his* mother;

¹³ *thus* invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that.”

He equates the word of Moses with Scripture and His own word with the word of Moses and both as the Word of God ([John 5:38, 45-47](#)).

John 5:38 (NASB)

³⁸“You do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.”

John 5:45-47 (NASB)

⁴⁵“Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope.

⁴⁶For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me.

⁴⁷But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

He says, “the Scripture cannot be broken” ([John 10:35](#)).

John 10:35 (NASB)

³⁵“If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken).”

He validated the most minute portions of Scripture ([Matthew 5:18](#); [Luke 16:17](#)).

[Matthew 5:18 \(NASB\)](#)

¹⁸“For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”

[Luke 16:17 \(NASB\)](#)

¹⁷“But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail.”

He continually argued the validity of Scripture ([Matthew 4:4, 7, 10](#); [Matthew 22:29, 32, 43](#); [Mark 12:24](#); [Luke 4:4, 8](#)).

[Matthew 4:4 \(NASB\)](#)

⁴“But He answered and said, ‘It is written, MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’”

[Matthew 4:7 \(NASB\)](#)

⁷“Jesus said to him, ‘On the other hand, it is written,’ ‘YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.’”

[Matthew 4:10 \(NASB\)](#)

¹⁰“Then Jesus said to him, ‘Go, Satan! For it is written,’ ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’”

[Matthew 22:29 \(NASB\)](#)

²⁹“But Jesus answered and said to them, ‘You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God.’”

[Matthew 22:32 \(NASB\)](#)

³²“‘I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.’”

[Matthew 22:43 \(NASB\)](#)

⁴³“He said to them, ‘Then how does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying.’”

[Mark 12:24 \(NASB\)](#)

²⁴“Jesus said to them, ‘Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God?’”

[Luke 4:4 \(NASB\)](#)

⁴“And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.’”

[Luke 4:8 \(NASB\)](#)

⁸“Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’”

He saw Himself as the focus and fulfillment of Scripture ([Luke 24:25-27](#)).

[Luke 24:25-27 \(NASB\)](#)

²⁵ “And He said to them, ‘O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!’

²⁶ Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?

²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.”

He asserted that what was written must be fulfilled ([Luke 22:36-37](#)).

[Luke 22:36-37 \(NASB\)](#)

³⁶ “And He said to them, ‘But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one.’

³⁷ For I tell you that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me, ‘AND HE WAS NUMBERED WITH TRANSGRESSORS’; for that which refers to Me has *its* fulfillment.”

He predicted and approved the New Testament and assured His apostles that they would be kept from error ([John 16:13](#)).

[John 16:13 \(NASB\)](#)

¹³ “But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.”

e. The Bible is absolutely trustworthy ([Matthew 24:35](#)). “The Scripture cannot be broken” ([John 10:34-35](#)).

[Matthew 24:35 \(NASB\)](#)

³⁵ “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.”

[John 10:34-35 \(NASB\)](#)

³⁴ “Jesus answered them, ‘Has it not been written in your Law, ‘I SAID, YOU ARE GODS’?

³⁵ If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken).”