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III. The Purpose of the Epistle: 2:12–27:

To abide in Him (2:27b)

Abide is mentioned 7x; 2:14, 17, 19, 24, 27

A. Abiding is based on mastering spiritual assets in each stage of spiritual development; 2:12–14

B. Abiding by eliminating kosmic thinking; 2:15–17

C. Abiding by avoiding the false doctrine of the antichrists; 2:18–17

1 John 2:12, “I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name’s sake.”

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literally "God-breathed"] God the Holy Spirit
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style, personality, personal feelings, or any
other human factor, His complete and
coherent message to mankind was recorded
with perfect accuracy in the original
languages of Scripture, the very words
bearing the authority of divine authorship.
(John 10:35; Matthew 5:18; 2 Timothy 3:16;
2 Peter 1:21; 1 Corinthians 2:14–16)**

2 Tim. 3:15, “and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

2 Tim. 3:17, “that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

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Revelation means to unveil, to disclose, to uncover what was previously unknown.

Revelation is prepositional. That means it is through normal sentences, which can be understood objectively and validated.

The Holy Spirit is the Author of both Old Testament and New Testament: 2 Sam. 23:2–3; Mark 12:36; Acts 1:16; 28:25; John 14:26, 1 Thess. 4:2; 2 Thess. 3:6, 12, 14.

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1. Plenary verbal inspiration: We believe the Scripture in the original languages of Hebrew and Greek, both Old and New Testaments, to be the plenary verbally inspired Word of God. “Plenary” means that the entirety of Scripture is equally and fully revealed and inspired by God. “Verbal” refers to the principle of inerrancy, that inspiration extends to each and every word. Inspiration means “God-breathed” (2 Timothy 3:16) and means that the Bible is God’s complete and connected thought to mankind (2 Peter 1:20–21; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Matthew 5:18; John 16:12–13).

Verbal—the very words are inspired.

**Plenary—Every word was equally
inspired.**

**Infallible—Every word is equally
authoritative.**

Inerrancy—no error existed in the original autographs of Scripture.

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2 Tim. 3:17, “that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

2 Pet. 3:16, “as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.”

***artios*, [qualified, proficient,
competent, skillful] equipped**

***exartizo*, [equipped, educated, edified,
and prepared] for every good work.**

1. God is absolute Veracity or Truth, Romans 3:4.

Rom. 3:4, “May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, as it is written, ‘That Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and mightest prevail when Thou art judged.’ ”

2. God is the source of the Scriptures. 1 Tim. 3:16

3. Therefore, the Scriptures are absolute Truth. John 17:17

John 17:17, “Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.”

2 Pet. 1:20, “But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation,

2 Pet. 1:21, “for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”

Matt. 5:17, “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.

Matt. 5:18, “For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.”

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Thus John 10:30, “I and the Father are one.”

**John 8:58, “Jesus said to them,
‘Truly, truly, I say to you, before
Abraham was born, I am.’ ”**

Corollary #1

Though every word is equally infallible, and authoritative, not every word is equally applicable to every believer.

Corollary #2

If every word is breathed out by God, then it is the responsibility of the Pastor-Teacher to investigate and exegete every word, the entire counsel of God, though not every word need be necessarily taught.

Corollary #3

If every word is breathed out by God and then the Bible is absolutely and totally sufficient for salvation, spiritual growth, and problem solving.

2 Pet. 1:3, “seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

2 Pet. 1:4, “For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”

Corollary #4

**If every Word is from God to us,
nothing should be more important
than learning and applying His Word.**