

The Bible

Revelation (to reveal, disclose, unveil)

- O.T. and N.T.* = divine revelation of God. 1 Cor. 2:10; 2 Tim. 3:16,17; 2 Pet. 1:21
- Progressively* written by selected men. 2 Pet.1:21 (40+ authors; 1,500+ yrs)
- Word of God*=It says in words what God wanted said to us.
- Natural*-Rom. 1:20; Ps. 19:1 / *Special*-2 Pet. 1:21 / *Complete*-1 Cor. 13:10

Inspiration (God-breathed) 2 Timothy 3:16,17

- verbal*=each word / *plenary*=all of it (Only the original 66 books)

Illumination (to shed light upon)

- Holy Spirit's work / yielded believer. 1 Cor. 2:15,16; Eph. 1:18,19; 1 John 2:27
- Man's blindness:** *Natural*-1 Cor. 2:14; *Satanic*-2 Cor. 4:4; *Carnal*-1 Cor.3:1,2
Judicial-Rom. 11:25; Isa. 6:9,10

Animation (alive and powerful) Heb. 4:12; Rom. 1:16; Phil. 2:13

Interpretation (normal, historical, grammatical)

- 7 Dispensations* are the result of normal interpretation of the Scriptures.

Application (All is FOR us; Not ALL is addressed TO us)

- Purposes** of OT: *Negative example*. 1 Cor: 10:6-12 / *Hope* Rom. 15:4
- Why Study?** *God's approval* – 2 Tim.2:15; / *Life change* – 2 Tim. 3:16,17;
Stability – Eph. 4:14; / *Confidence* -2 Tim. 1:12; / *Discernment* – 1 Jn.4:1
Insight and Maturity – Ps. 119:99,100

Caution: Knowledge alone can puff you up with pride and lead to a fall. Don't make it an end in itself. Balance it with love. 1 Cor.