

The Holy Scriptures

What are the Holy Scriptures: *The Holy Scriptures, commonly called The Bible, are books God the Father provided for us, through the church, that contain the inerrant revelations of Jesus Christ and perfectly point to Him as Lord through the Holy Spirit, and are given for the maturing of the saints for the life of the world.*

- In the time of the “NT”, the “scriptures” were the “OT” and the Gospel was still a “Proclamation.” (not canonized)
- Over hundreds of years the “NT” came to be “authoritative scripture.” Spirit working through church
- **John 5:39** w/ **Luke 24:25-27**; Jesus says scripture points to Him: “NT” is the scripture that gives us this teaching

Why do we call the Holy Scriptures the Word of God: *We call them the Word of God because God inspired their human authors, lived them Himself in the Son as The Word made Flesh, and because the Holy Spirit still speaks to the church through them today.*

- **2 Timothy 3:14-17**; Scripture breathed (Spirit) by God and “leads” to salvation: **Jesus said only He gives salvation**
- **Hebrews 4:12-14**; the word being talked about here is Jesus; “His sight” not “It’s sight.” He wore the scriptures
- The Bible = Holy Scripture when pointing to Jesus: misuse keeps it from being Holy: **Fire from heaven story**

How do we understand the meaning of the scriptures: *We understand the meaning of the scriptures by The Holy Spirit guiding the Body of Christ, the church, into all the truth found in Christ and His cross, to the Glory of the Father.*

- **John 19:28**: The paradigm for understanding OT is the Gospels. Paradigm for understanding Gospels is the Cross
- **Acts 2:42-43**: Being devoted to gathering + Eucharist + prayer and the teaching of scripture is Christian living
- **Revelation 10:9-11**; on Emmaus Road all that was left was bread = Eucharist is all of scripture and our evangelism

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen. 1979 Book of Common Prayer