**The Sufficiency of Scripture**

**Review:**

**Definition:** The sufficiency of Scripture means that Scripture contained all the words of God he intended his people to have at each stage of redemptive history, and that it now contains all the words of God we need for salvation, for trusting him perfectly, and for obeying him perfectly.[[1]](#footnote-1)

1. **Scripture contains all we need to know for salvation.**
   1. **2 Timothy 3:15-17**
      1. “Wise for salvation”
2. **Scripture contains all we need to trust God.**
   * 1. **Objective-**
     2. **Subjective-**
     3. Does Scripture teach that we should prioritize the objective over the subjective? Scripture over experience?
3. **2 Peter 1:12-21**
4. “Cleverly devised myths”
5. On what authority do the apostles teach about Christ in his majesty and glory? They did not follow cleverly devised myths, so what did they follow? From what do the apostles derive their teaching about the risen and soon coming Christ?
6. **2 Peter 1:16-18🡪**
   * + 1. **Matt 17:1-8**
       2. T**he idolatry of the self**
7. **2 Peter 1:19-21 “The more sure word”**
8. kai« e¶comen bebaio/teron to\n profhtiko\n lo/gon
9. bebaio/ß
10. **KJV:** “We have also a **more sure word** of prophecy”

**The Sufficiency of Scripture (Part 2)**

1. **Scripture contains all we need to obey Him.**
   * 1. 2 ways the Scriptures refer to God’s will.
        1. Secret/Decreed will
           1. Acts 18:18-22
           2. Romans 1:8-10
           3. Romans 15:30-32
           4. 1 Peter 3:16-17
        2. Revealed will
           1. 1 Thessalonians 5:18
           2. 1 Peter 2:15
           3. 1 Peter 4:2
           4. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4
           5. Colossians 1:9-14

**Colossians 1:9-14:**

1. **God’s will is that you live a life worthy of the Lord—pleasing Him in every way.**

**Principle #1:** *If the decision is inconsistent with walking in a manner worthy of the Lord, than it is not God’s will.*

**Princliple #2:** *If the options are consistent with walking in a manner worthy of the Lord, we have freedom to choose whichever we want.*

**Principle #3:** *Decision-making and God’s will shouldn’t scare us, or make us less able to make decisions.*

**In the same way🡪 1:9**

“Knowledge, wisdom, and understanding”

1. **Colossians 2:2-3**
2. **The sufficiency of Scripture and the role of the Spirit**
   1. **What does it mean to be “lead by the Spirit?”**
      1. **Romans 8:9-17**
      2. **Galatians 5:13-26**
   2. **The Word, the Spirit and Us: Illumination not Revelation**
      1. **1 Corinthians 2:6-16**
      2. **Calvin, Institutes, I.IX.3 (book 1, page 95-96)**
      3. **Westminster Confession of Faith 1.5**

**Conclusion:**

1. Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine* (Zondervan, 1994), 127. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)