

**THE PASTORAL EPISTLES**  
**I & II Timothy, Titus and Philemon**  
**“God Speaks to His Church”**

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*Focus on the Scriptures—II Timothy 3:16-17*  
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**A. CONTEXT**

**B. TEXT**

**1. It’s origin — it is inspired**

**a. God communicates**

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| 1) <b>Living Word</b>  | <b>John 1:1, 14</b>  |
| 2) <b>Written Word</b> | <b>II Peter 1:21</b> |

The Word is inspired by God — *THEO PNEUSTOS*

Living and Active	<b>Hebrews 4:12-13</b>
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Accomplishes it’s purposes	<b>Isaiah 55:10-11</b>
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Cannot be stopped	<b>II Timothy 2:9</b>
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**b. The importance of the Word**

**1) Liberal versus Conservative churches**

Is the Bible the Word of God **OR** does it contain the Word of God?

**2) Jefferson’s approach to the Bible: use your scissors!!!**

**3) View of the Presbyterian Church in America**

“We believe the Bible is the written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is the revelation of God’s truth and is infallible and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.”

**WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

**Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?**

A. Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

**Q. 2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?**

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

**Q. 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?**

A. The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

- c. **My beliefs about this book**
  - 1) **My Foundation**
  - 2) **My Standard**
  - 3) **My Authority**

## **2. It's Purpose — it is Profitable**

- a. **For salvation — the Gospel** v. 15

**Younger Son — Elder Son — both need to come Home**

- b. **For growth** v. 16
  - 1) **Teaching**
  - 2) **Reproof**
  - 3) **Correction**
  - 4) **Training in righteousness**

- c. **For ministry (every good work)** v. 17

## **C. APPLICATION**