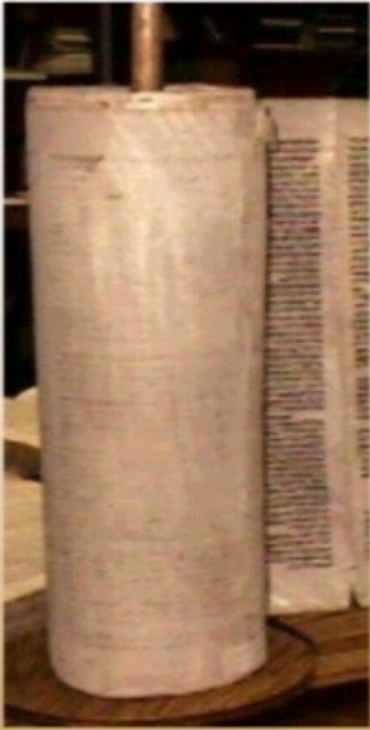


## Reasons for rejection of biblical sufficiency.

- The temptation to give people what they want.
- The centrality of Scripture has been substituted.
- Compromise with worldly thought.



Scripture claims to be the final authority:

–2 Timothy 3:16-17

–2 Peter 1:3

–Psalm 19

# Inadequate theories of inspiration

- NATURAL
- DYNAMIC (mystical)
- DICTATION (mechanical)
- PARTIAL
- CONCEPTUAL

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- DEGREES of inspiration
  - NEO-ORTHODOX
  - ENDORSEMENT
  - INSPIRED PURPOSE

# ILLUMINATION

A proper understanding of the Bible depends on two things:

1. Illuminating work of the Holy Spirit.
2. Interpreting work of the reader.

# DEFINITION

The ministry of the Holy Spirit promised to men which:

- Enables the unregenerate man to see the gospel.
- Enables those believers who meet certain conditions to understand spiritual truth (Ephesians 1:18, 19; Colossians 1:9,10).

# AGENT – the Holy Spirit

(Romans 8:15-16; 1 John 2:20-27)

Need for Illumination:

1. Depraved nature  
(1 Cor 2:14; John 1:5; Rom 3:11-12).
2. Satanic blindness (2 Cor 4:3, 4).
3. Fleshly immaturity (1 Cor 3:1-3a;  
Heb 5:11-14).

# Nature of Illumination to the Unbeliever

- Unsaved are blinded to the truth (1 Cor 2:14; 1:23).
- The Holy Spirit has a 3-fold ministry to the unbeliever (John 16:7-11). He convicts of:
  - 1) Sin
  - 2) God's righteousness
  - 3) Condemnation



# Nature of Illumination to the Believer

- The Christian has been promised this illumination (2 Cor 3:12-18; 4:3-6; 1 John 2:26-27).
- We find:
  - He opens our eyes to truth.
  - The Holy Spirit teaches through reading & instruction of the Scriptures (Rom 10:17; 2 Tim 2:2; Eph 4:11-12; 1 Peter 2:2).
- The Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.