

BY SCRIPTURE ALONE

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WE BELIEVE, as SCRIPTURE clearly teaches, that the Bible is God's inerrant Word **(FREE FROM ERROR)**.

And that we are not to add too nor take away from God's Word. (See **Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6, Deut. 12:32; Galatians 1:8-9; etc.**).

As the apostle John attests in **John 10:35**; "*Scripture cannot be broken*".

Is it not Holy Scripture where we find Christ and the saving promises of the Gospel? (See **2 Timothy 3:15-16, 1 Peter 1:23-25**)

Therefore, being fully aware that mankind often doubts His Word; God reminds us repeatedly that he is incapable of lying. (**Numbers 23:19; Proverbs 30:5; Hebrews 6:18; 1 Samuel 15:29; etc.**).

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In short; "one cannot deal doubtfully with God. For He neither wants nor is able to be changeable or a liar.

The highest form of worship He requires is your conviction that He is truthful.

"For this is why He has given you the strongest proofs of His trustworthiness and truth.

He has given His Son into the flesh and into death, and He has instituted the sacraments, in order that you may know that he does not want to be deceitful..." (1)

(1) **LW 5:43-50**; American Addition; Pelikan/Schick

PASSAGE OF THE DAY

(**Romans 15:4-5**); "*For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope...*"

Reflect on following passages this week; (**Romans 1:25; Titus 1:2; Romans 3:4**)

NOTABLE QUOTE

"I don't scold myself into becoming good, but I fight over the Word and whether our adversaries teach it in its purity.

"That doctrine should be attacked this has never before happened.

"This is my calling. Others have censured only life, but to treat doctrine is to strike at the most sensitive point . . .

"When the Word remains pure, then the life (even if there is something lacking in it) can be molded properly. Everything depends on the Word." **LW 54:110**

NEXT WEEKS THEME

Does Christ want to make us uncertain about faith in Him?

*Other than quotes, all passage - ESV

