## **EQTH105** Basic Bible Doctrine

# Unit 6 Journal — The Authority of Scripture Alone

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#### **EQTH105 Journal Prompts**

Lesson 6 – The Doctrine of Revelation

Key Verse: "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when =e, the Spirit of truth, comes, =e will guide you into all 'truth." (John 16:12-13)

Concept: Agreeing on the authority of Scripture does not mean that believers in Jesus Christ will agree on all points of doctrine. There will be areas which Bible-believing Christians will disagree. However, on these essentials of the faith there is no disagreement among those who recognize that Jesus was the One whom He claimed to be.

### The Authority of Scripture Alone

A belief in the doctrine of faith in scripture alone (*Sola Scriptura*) does not remove the role of the church in proclaiming and teaching the message of Christ. Yet it understands that the role of the church is one of a servant to the Scriptures, not the lord and master over it.

We believe that the Scriptures can only be properly understood by the work of the Holy Spirit. He indwells all believers and guides them into the truth of God's Word. While the Scriptures are indeed sufficient, they can only be properly understood through the teaching work of the Spirit of God. This sums up the biblical Doctrine of Revelation.

With that in mind, think about this. How will you handle difficult truths or difficult passages. So many questions are raised by believers and unbelievers alike. Does the Bible contain any errors in its contents? Are there mistakes and contradictions in the original text of Scripture? Can a holy God divinely inspire a Book that contains errors? Does it really matter, one way or another, if there are errors in Scripture?

We believe all of these objections have reasonable answers. When all the evidence is in, it will be found that the Bible is exactly what it claims to be: God's error-free Word, totally trustworthy in all that it teaches. However, how will you answer the question?