

that Scripture is inspired, God-breathed in the original languages -- Greek and Hebrew. God so directed the writers that there is no thought that as you study it carefully -- no thought can be properly derived from it that is not true. We believe it is inspired. But that wasn't Paul's purpose in presenting this verse. His purpose was not to say Scripture was inspired. That's clearly taught many times in the N.T. But in this particular verse Paul's purpose was to say All Scripture is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. . . That all Scripture is needed if the man of God is to be thoroughly furnished.

I know people who say, What's the use of studying all this Hebrew and Greek? We know John 3:16. What more do we need? Well, if you take John 3:16 and everything else in Scripture that gives the truth of John 3:16 and you put it over on this side, and you put the rest of Scripture on this side and you've got to choose between them, I'll choose John 3:16. That's the very heart of the Gospel. But God didn't just give us John 3:16. Paul says if the man of God is to be thoroughly furnished, if he is to be really ready to serve the Lord as he should he should realize that all Scripture is profitable. So we feel that if God is going to use you as a laborer in His harvest field, the way you desire to be used, it is vital that you know something about all the parts of the Scripture. We can't teach you everything about all the parts of the Scripture. We probably won't even teach you a little about all the parts, but we want to give you a good start in studying Scripture so that you can go on the rest of your life being like a householder who takes out of his store things of all kinds that he can use, that you don't just have a few truths. A few wonderful truths, yes, but you repeat them over and over and that's all you've got. No! God has give us 66 books which contain the truth