

It is exactly the same with the Bible. The Christian who knows Jesus Christ as his Savior accepts the Bible because Jesus Christ accepted it. He accepts the O. T. because Jesus Christ set his stamp of approval upon it. He accepts the N. T. because Jesus Christ authenticated it in advance. He knows, he believes that God caused that this book should be brought into existence by the means that God chose for the purpose in such a way that the result would be an inerrant and infallible Bible, his only sufficient guide to faith and practice.

It is very important that we be clear on this point. The attempt to prove that the Bible is ~~g~~ free from error is an attempt which in the nature of the matter cannot be undertaken simply because the Bible is a revelation of facts that we would not know otherwise. However, there are many points where the Bible touches upon facts that can be known to us from other sources. Many of its statements relate to history, and on some aspects of history we have quite complete evidence, on others we have very little evidence. Wherever we have a considerable amount of evidence on history related to the Bible statements, we can see how the two fit together. The same is true of the far less common instances where the Bible touches upon various fields of science. The Christian is interested in seeing how attacks upon the Bible may be answered. In noting the fact that there is no place where any historical or scientific statement that it makes can be proven to be false. But this is not the reason that he accepts it as God's Word. His acceptance of the Bible follows from his personal relationship to Jesus Christ as ~~H~~ his Saviour.

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h. Verbal or Plenary Inspiration in Relation to the Christian and to the non-Christian.

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h As far as the Christian is concerned--the man who has entered into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Saviour, the doctrine of verbal or plenary inspiration of the Bible is of very great importance. The Bible is his textbook for his life, it is the blueprint for what God wants him to do, it is his inerrant guide to the truths that God