



Systematic Theology

A row of classical white columns receding into the distance under a bright sky. The columns are fluted and have decorative capitals. The scene is brightly lit, with long shadows cast on the ground.

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Session 6: Sufficiency &
Interpretation of Scripture

A row of white classical columns, likely Corinthian or Ionic, receding into the distance. The columns are set on a light-colored floor, and the background is a bright, overexposed sky. The overall tone is clean and architectural.

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SUFFICIENCY OF SCRIPTURE

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The Doctrine Stated

- WTS: The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men.



The Doctrine Stated

- God's special revelation provides ALL that is necessary to know and glorify God through His plan of Redemption in Christ according to God's purposes for His special revelation.
- Practically: *Scripture provides everything we need to relate with and live for God*
- Simply: *Scripture is enough for the Christian Life.*



What We Do Not Mean

- “The Bible has the answers to everything in life.”
- “The Bible will answer all our questions about God and the Christian life”
- “No creed but the Bible”



The Doctrine Defended

- Isaiah 9:6

- This points us to the center of biblical sufficiency, Christ himself.
- The counsel Christ provides is wonderful.



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- Psalm 19:7-9

- Descriptions of Scripture's Nature
- Descriptions of Scripture's Effect
- Sufficiency is dependent on Inspiration and Inerrancy



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- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- God gave his word so we could have sufficient direction in 4 particular areas
- The Result is Completeness



The Doctrine Defended

• 2 Peter 1:3-4

- Everything we need to live a godly life is given to us through the knowledge of God
- This knowledge is revealed specifically through his promises



Modern Challenges to Sufficiency

- Catholicism
- The Charismatic Movement
- Modern Psychology and “Integrationism”
- The Church Growth Movement
- Our Finite and Corrupt Nature



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