August 7, 2022 ***Spiritual Foundation Precepts*-4** Pastor Billy Burchfield

**Suppositions: 1) You believe in Yahweh, 2) You believe in Jesus Christ (Mesiah)**

**Luke 16:17,** **Jesus and the Holy Scriptures.** The ***Resurrected King*** **(*God’s Messiah***, ***our Savior)*,our *Lord Jesus Christ*** has given us important statements concerning the authority and nature of the Word of God**.** Jesus’ own use of Scripture confirms the truth that every word of Scriptures is given by God (**John 5:39**, **“***You* ***search*** *the* ***Scriptures****, for in them you think you have eternal life; and* ***these are they which testify*** *of Me***”;** **2 Tim. 3:16**, **“***All* ***Scripture*** *is* ***given by inspiration of God****, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness***”;**

**2 Pet. 1:20-21**, **“***knowing this first, that no prophecy of* ***Scripture*** *is of any private interpretation, 21for prophecy never came by the will of man, but* ***holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit*”**). He makes direct reference to the smallest letter, *jot*,” lit. ***yod***, and the smallest punctuation point, “***tittle***.” (**Matt. 5:17-19**, **“***Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one* ***jot*** *or one* ***tittle*** *will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 19“Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven***”**

Jesus believed and taught the ***plenary*** (complete in every respect, absolute) verbal inspiration of the Bible—**every word is God-breathed** (2 Tim. 3:16 above). Jesus also contends that every truth the Bible teaches is to be *held inviolable*. In Matthew 5:17–19 (above) He insists that anyone who teaches anything at cross-purposes with the Scriptures is not in harmony with His kingdom order. Jesus attests to the *indissolubility* of the Scriptures (**John 10:35, “***If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and* ***the Scripture cannot be broken****”*). When He says “*the Scripture cannot be broken*,” He literally describes the utter **inviolability** (secure from violation) of God’s Word from humanity’s side (do not try to diminish its truth or meaning) and the utter dependability of it from God’s side (He will uphold it; His Word will not dissolve or be shaken). **Matthew 24:35**, is most quoted in this regard; **“***Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away***!”** Jesus affirms the credibility of the OT in **John 5:39** (above), He affirms the credibility of the OT miracles. He did not see them as superstitiously held beliefs and He was the *Incarnate Truth*. As the embodiment of truthfulness, His testimony is decisive. Jesus believed the biblical record of Adam and Eve as the first pair (Matt. 19:4, 5); the literal destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Mark 6:11; Luke 17:29, 30); the actuality of Noah and the Flood (Matt. 24:37, 38); the trustworthiness of Daniel’s prophecy (v. 15); the truth of Jonah’s being swallowed by the great fish (12:39, 40); the miracle of the manna as well as other miracles during the wilderness journey of Moses’ time (John 3:14; 6:31, 32); and Jesus forecast and authorized the writing of the NT Scriptures. In **John 14:26**, **“***But the Helper, \* the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you***”** and **16:12, 13**, **“***I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come***,”** He indicated that the coming ministry of the Holy Spirit would include ***His bringing to the apostles’ minds*** the things that ***should afterward be recorded***. His anticipation of that ministry places His endorsement upon that facet of their apostolic mission, and indirectly affects His closure of the canon of Scripture following the completion of this task.

These things had to be; Jesus was and is **The Word Incarnate**, The Word made flesh and blood.