

## Have You Heard? The Scriptures Are All Sufficient

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Have you heard that there are those who claim to believe the Bible but also accept modern revelations as equally authoritative to the Bible? For example, Joseph Smith and the Mormons; Ellen G. White and the Seventh Day Adventists; and Mary Baker Eddy and the Christian Scientist; claim their revelations are equal to the Bible. By implication this would mean the Bible is not sufficient to get us to heaven. A very serious charge!

However, the Bible clearly claims to be all sufficient; *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work”* (2 Timothy 3:16-17, NKJV), and *“as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue”* (2 Peter 1:3, NKJV).

We do not need any additions to the Bible. Another attack on the all sufficiency of the Scriptures is the creeds. Consider this. If the creeds contain more than the Bible they contain too much. If they contain less than the Bible then they do not contain enough. If they contain something different than the Bible then they should be rejected. And, if they contain nothing more or less than the Bible they should be rejected as unnecessary. Recently heard a man claim that he does not need to read the Bible, he reads his catechism. Friends, the catechism will not be the book that God opens at the judgment—*“And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books”* (Revelation 20:12, NKJV). Since you are going to be judged by the Bible and what the book of your personal life, do you not think you should at least read the Bible!

People also compromise the all sufficiency of the Scriptures when they confuse themselves into thinking the Holy Spirit has directed them through feelings rather than the Scriptures. Jesus stated, *“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”* (John 16:13, NKJV). He was speaking to His disciples who would record for our learning “all truth” that the Holy Spirit would teach them for us to read, study, and obey. Either the Scriptures all sufficient or they are not. It cannot be both.

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