



People of Hope
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Key Passage: 1 Thessalonians Part 2

The Apostle Peter wrote that *"holy men of old spoke as they were carried along by the Spirit,"* (2 Peter 1:21 KJV)

Psalm 119:11 In my heart I store up your words, so I might not sin against you.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

2Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

John 14:6 Jesus himself declared, "No one can come to the Father but by me,"

Psalm 19:7-8 The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Why Does It Matter?

The question of ultimate authority is of tremendous importance for believers...God's Word is trustworthy because...

- It Governs Our **CONFIDENCE** in the Truth of the Gospel
- It Governs Our **FAITH** regarding the Value of Christ
- It Governs Our **RESPONSE** to the Conclusions of misapplied Science
- It Governs Our **ATTITUDE** to the Preaching of Scripture
- It Governs Our **BELIEF** in the Character of God

Maybe more personal to you and me:

It is God making Himself **KNOWN** to men...to us!

It is the supreme source of our **KNOWLEDGE** of God and of the **SALVATION** provided through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ...

