

#### Sources of Authority Through History

Sacramentalism	Experientialism
Rationalism	Subjectivism
Orthodoxism	Personalism
Ecumenism	Uncertaintyism

### The Bible

- 2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God
- **2 Peter 1:20-21** no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.
- Matthew 5:18 For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.
- 1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God,
- **2** *Timothy* **2:15** *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as* a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.
- Titus 1:9 holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

the truth even #1-We won't under pressure

#### "holding fast to the faithful word"

#### \* Fantasy interpretation

Acts 27:29 fearing that we might run aground somewhere on the rocks, they cast four anchors from the stern and wished for daybreak.

#### \*An ear tickler

#### \* Value tolerance over truth

#### \* Elevate experience and emotion over truth

- **2** Corinthians 4:2 warns us that there are those who are ...walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God...
- **2 Peter 3:16** ...the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

#### \* Holding fast requires endurance

#### \* Holding fast is a singular commitment

Matthew 6:24 No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

### • Holding fast is an intimate term

# **#2** We will \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible completely

"holding fast to the faithful word"

*John 17:17* Sanctify them [change them] in the truth; Thy word is truth.

- Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17** All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for

training in righteousness; that the man of God my be adequate, equipped for every good work

John 14:23 Jesus ... said ... If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him.

## **#3 We will interpret the Word**

"holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching"

**2 Peter 1:20** that no ...Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

1<sup>st</sup> - Make sure the teacher gives evidence of diligent

**2 Timothy 2:15** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as workman who does not heed to be ashamed, handling accurately the Word of truth.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Following the biblical \_\_\_\_\_ of interpretation: *Hermeneutics* 

> Literal Grammatical

Contextual Historical Synthetic

3<sup>rd</sup> - Make sure you hear the \_\_\_\_\_ counsel of God

Acts 20:27 For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.

## #4 We will use the Word to build up Christians to \_\_\_\_\_ like Christ

"to exhort in sound doctrine"

**Ephesians 4:14** we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me; 40 and you are unwilling to come to Me, that you may have life.

#### **#5 We will correct** with the Word

"and to refute those who contradict"

1<sup>st</sup> Seek to as well as be grounded

Two statements of Faith: 1 – Essentials

2 – What we Teach

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Seek to develop a high view of scripture and live under it's
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Seek to focus on biblical

4<sup>th</sup> Seek to balance Truth and

- John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- 1 Corinthians 13:2 And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

5h Seek to build into your lifestyle the of the Word

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord, and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.

2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.

6th Seek to enjoy with Christ through His Word

7th The key to handling the Word of God is