

**Scripture:** 2 Peter 1

Belgic Confession 3 (1)

**Singing:** 402:1, 5, 6 – 332 – 333 – 42:1-4

Intro: Praise ye the LORD ... for His Word (Ps. 147:1, 19-20)

A. He gave us both books to *learn about* and to *learn to know* Him!

1. God knows His 1<sup>st</sup> Autobiography was insufficient

2. God calls us to give more heed to His 2<sup>nd</sup> Autobiography: Ps. 119:130

a. review your habits with regard to His Word: Proverbs 8:34-34

B. But how do I know that the HOLY BIBLE is the Word of the Living God?

1. Not because church – parents – teachers teach this (see art. 5)

2. God's Word is true *because God says it is true*: Ps. 12:6; 2 Tim. 3:16

3. Yet the most convicting arguments are insufficient to bring us to faith

## THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD

I. The source II. The nature

### I. The Source of God's Word

A. The Source of the Bible is *Thus saith the LORD*

1. Examine Deut. 18:18-20 (Jude 14; Luke 16:31; 18:31; 24:25)

2. Examine 2 Peter 1:21

a. meaning of *moved by HG*: (Acts 27:15, 17; 2 Sam. 23:1-2; Jer. 21:1)

b. meaning of *holy men* (compare Number 24:4; Job 42:7-8)

3. Examine 2 Tim. 3:15-16

a. meaning of *inspired* (G: God-breathed) (2 Peter 1:21)

### II. The nature of the Book

A. God's Word is *a gradual* revelation: Heb 1:1-2

1. God's message came in fragments – piece-meal – little by little

B. God's Word came as *progressive* revelation: Heb. 1:1-2; Ep. 3:3-5

1. God spoke 'at sundry times and in divers manners' in addition to

a. at He added to His previous revelations

b. spoke in different ways to His creatures

c. most solemn speaking was on Mt. Sinai: Heb. 12:18-19; Deut. 4:32-33

2. God spoke in Gospel days of Jesus Christ & His apostles: vs. 2; John 1:18

C. God's Word is a *gracious* revelation:

1. He gave us His 'written Word' as His Divine 'road-code' (Ps. 119:105)
  
2. His purpose in writing it down was gracious: "... *from a special care which He has for us and our salvation.*"
  - a. He wants us to know the way of salvation
  
  - b. He wants us to 'hear Him speak' anytime (Rom. 10:14, 17)
    - thus 'saith' the Lord/Spirit

**Personal Reflections:**

A. Who are we to receive this special care and love in the gift of His Word?

B. How shameful if we neglect so great a gift! (Deut. 30:11-14; Heb. 2:1-4)