



BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

AND ITS IMPORTANCE TO A BIBLICAL FOUNDATION



WORLDVIEW

A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

A “worldview” refers to a comprehensive conception of the world from a specific standpoint. A “Christian worldview,” then, is a comprehensive conception of the world from a Christian standpoint. An individual’s worldview is his “big picture,” a harmony of all his beliefs about the world. It is his way of understanding reality.¹

¹ *Gotquestions.org*, “what is a christian worldview?” accessed September 10, 2016., <https://gotquestions.org/Christian-worldview.html>.

What is an Authority?

An *authority*, defined by Dr. Christopher Cone, is known as the foundation where, “presuppositions, method, and motivation are used.”³

³Christopher. Cone, *Prolegomena On Biblical Hermeneutics and Method*. 2nd ed. Hurst: TX: Tyndale Seminary Press, 2012. 26.



Biblical Authority can be described as...

“The Christian acknowledges that the word of God forms their assumptions, institutes their technique, and governs their rationale.”



THE QUALITY THAT UNDERGIRDS BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

Is

TRUTH

Truth, Biblical Authority, and the Christian Worldview

“His word is reliable because it is rooted in, and ruled by, the divine absolute. It corresponds to reality because reality is measured by God, the highest reality.”¹

¹ Steven McAvoy, “Can Truth Be Known?” *The Fundamentals for the Twenty-first Century: Examining the Crucial Issues of the Christian Faith*, ed. By Mal Couch (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 2000). 38.



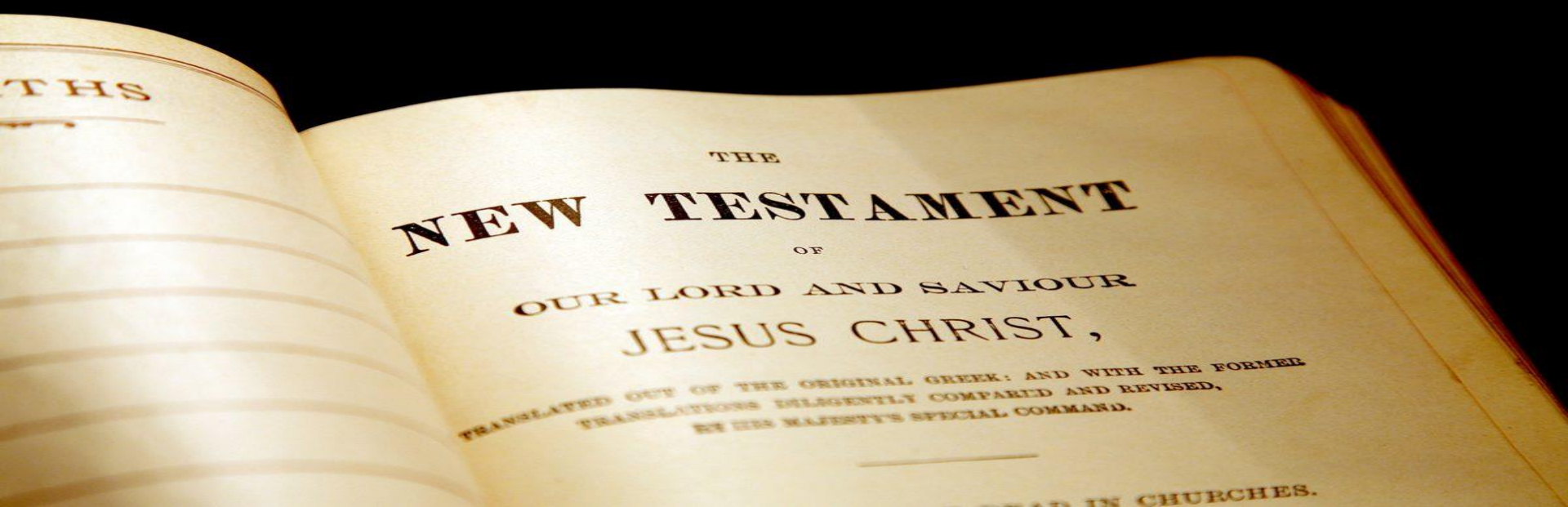
OLD TESTAMENT

ADAM AND EVE

CAIN AND ABEL

ABRAHAM AND SARAH

THE NATION OF ISRAEL



The Gospels

Church Order

The Book of Acts

Family Conduct and Order

The Epistles of Paul

Future eschatological prophecies

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BIBLICAL INTEGRATION METHOD

- In biblical integration, the standard may be the discipline of study, rather than biblical authority.
- In biblical integration the Scriptures may be taken out of context for the sake of “unifying” the discipline of study.
- Biblical integration may lead an individual to embrace an “empty philosophy” rather than biblical authority.

AUTHORITATIVE FOUNDATIONAL METHOD

- Authoritative foundational method observes the authoritative sources in the discipline of study.
- Authoritative foundational method works with systematic theology observing the discipline of study, rather than out-of-context Scriptures.
- Authoritative foundational method encourages proper biblical discernment of a discipline of study.



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