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# INFALLIBILITY OF SCRIPTURE

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**The Doctrine of Infallibility states that The Bible is incapable of error because it was breathed forth (2 Tim. 3:16) from The God, whose nature is perfect.**

**God is Infallible**

God is perfect (Matt. 5:48), He is eternal (Psalm 90:2), He is unchanging (James 1:17), and perfectly pure. As the Apostle John stated, "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). God is great beyond what we can fathom (Psalm 145:3) and could never compromise His Holy character by uttering a lie (Titus 1:2, Hebrews 6:18). The Lord Jesus Christ is Himself Truth incarnate (John 14:6), and came to bear witness to the truth (John 18:37) as The Word made flesh (John 1:1,14). God is always true, no matter the falsity or faithlessness that trumpets against Him, as The Apostle Paul proclaimed, "Let God be true though every one were a liar" (Romans 3:4). It is God who provides the fountain of life and light (truth, understanding, and purity) which springs forth from His perfect essence (Psalm 36:9). He is the Fountain of Life (Jeremiah 2:13, John 4:10) and He is perfect, "God is absolutely perfect; whatever is of perfection is to be ascribed to him; otherwise he could neither be absolutely self-sufficient, all-sufficient, nor eternally blessed in himself. He is absolutely perfect, inasmuch as no perfection is wanting to him, and comparatively above all that we can conceive or apprehend of perfection" (John Owen, Works, vol. XVI, 95). It necessarily follows that The Word, He breathed out, is perfect and incapable of error.



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**Infallibility**

The word infallible, in its lexical meaning, is technically a stronger word than inerrancy, meaning that the text is not only inerrant (without error) but is infallible (incapable of error). There could be no lack of truth in it, as J.I. Packer said, "Infallibility is the Latin "infallibilitas", signifying the quality of neither deceiving nor being deceived." Or as stated by Dr. John MacArthur, "Infallibility means unable to mislead or fail in accomplishing the divinely intended purpose." The Bible is infallible because God is infallible. The effectual Word of God is always true and always accomplishes God's bidding (Isaiah 55:10,11).The necessary consequence of divine inspiration and the omnipotence of God is the infallibility of His Word. "Every word of God proves true," (Proverbs 30:5). In Article 11 of The Chicago Statement of Biblical Inerrancy it says, "We affirm that Scripture, having been given by divine inspiration, is infallible, so that, far from misleading us, it is true and reliable in all the matters it addresses. We deny that it is possible for the Bible to be at the same time infallible and errant in its assertions. Infallibility and inerrancy may be distinguished, but not separated." The Bible has zero potential for error because God has zero potential for error. "The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times" (Psalm 12:6)