

We believe the Holy Scriptures to be the very Word of God, the product of the breath of God and thus verbally inspired in all parts. Therefore, the Holy Scriptures are without error as originally given by God.

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They are altogether sufficient in themselves as our only infallible rule of faith and practice.

In addition, they are the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

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We may at times seem unsure, tentative and confused as to what we are supposed to believe, do, think and say.

The wise person has their attention, every receptor of their being, tuned toward the mouth of God.
(Prov.2:1-6).

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The pathway to confidence includes:

- The despair of not knowing – a pressing awareness of your ignorance. 1-4
- The source of knowing – a stated acknowledgement that God speaks. 5-6
- The certainty of knowing – a productive trust in and love for God. 7-9

1. The despair of not knowing – a pressing awareness of your ignorance. 1-4

A confession of ignorance acknowledges that . . .

- I am weary trying to figure things out. 1
- Wisdom is beyond my grasp. 2-3
- God's ways are beyond me. 3

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1. The despair of not knowing – a pressing awareness of your ignorance. 1-4

Two assertions that give direction to despair . . .

- My questions lead me to God. 4
- My despair is relational not informational. 3,4

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2. The source of knowing – a stated acknowledgement that God speaks. 5-6
- God has spoken – he is self revealing. 5
 - God's words are trustworthy. 5
 - God's words are authoritative. 6

3. The certainty of knowing – a productive trust
in and love for God. 7-9

Certainty of knowing God produces . . .

- An intense dependence on God for your every
need. 7
- An intense recognition of your personal
weakness. 8-9
- An intense desire for your life to honor God. 9

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Transition to the Lord's Table Celebration . . .

1. Acknowledge, confess, repent . . . of your wearied attempts to figure your life out on your own or in your own way.
2. Bring your questions and despair to God and submit to God's authority in Christ and the scriptures.
3. Celebrate your trust in and love for God through expressions of dependence, weakness and praise.

Instructions for the Lord's Table Celebration . . .

1. Participants must be saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
2. Participants must not participate in an unworthy or careless manner.
3. Participants must remember, give thanks for and celebrate Jesus death along with the benefits of the promise of forgiveness and new life that it brings.

