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## **THE SURE WORD By Jonnie Hutchison**

### **IS THE BIBLE COMPLETE?**

Has God revealed in the Bible His complete will for humankind? Has He told us everything that we need to know in order to be saved from our sins? Some would answer no to these questions. Some claim that God speaks directly to them and reveals new truths which are not found in the Bible. Is this true? Is God still revealing new truth in addition to what the Bible teaches?

Before Jesus left this earth to ascend to heaven, He promised His chosen apostles that after He left, He would send the Holy Spirit to guide them into all truth. Jesus said, "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will **guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come (John 16:13). Did Jesus fulfill this promise? Were the apostles guided into "ALL TRUTH"? The undeniable answer is a resounding YES! Jesus told the apostles, "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high" (, Luke 24:49). The promise is a reference to the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. This occurred on the first Jewish Pentecost after Jesus ascension back to heaven (Acts 1:9-11; 2:1-4). On that day, the apostles received the baptismal measure of the Holy Spirit and were enabled to know and preach the truth of God – His plan to save sinners through the blood of Jesus. Later, the apostle Paul, wrote by inspiration of the Holy Spirit to the churches in Galatia, "But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Galatians 1:11-12). Yes, the writers of the Bible were guided into all truth by the Holy Spirit and thus, as Peter writes, God has given "all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us...." (2 Peter 1:3).

The all sufficiency of the Bible is affirmed in the words, "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God" and that it "is profitable" to make the man of God "complete" so that he can be "thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Don't be deceived. The Bible is God's complete and final revelation to us. No "new truths" are being revealed. Let us accept the Word that God has revealed for it will lead us to eternal life!  
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