

## **The Sufficiency of the Word**

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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The reason the *holy Scriptures* are able to make one “wise for salvation” (2 Timothy 3:15) is that they are *sufficient* to meet every need. Paul makes this sufficiency evident by declaring *three magnificent qualities* of the Word of God:

1. The richness of its source (16a)  
...*breathed out by God* (ESV); ...*God-breathed* (NIV)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. The breadth of its impact (16b)  
The Scripture is *profitable* for every area of life:
  - a. It impacts what we believe (orthodoxy).
    - 1) It teaches sound doctrine: *for doctrine*.
    - 2) It rebukes false doctrine: *for reproof*.
  - b. It impacts how we behave (orthopraxy).
    - 1) It brings us back to the right path: *for correction*.
    - 2) It keeps us in the right path: *for instruction in righteousness*.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. The fullness of its purpose (17)