

FAMILY NEWS

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THE DIVINE ORIGIN OF SCRIPTURE





“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”
—2 Timothy 3:16–17

Scripture, we have noted, testifies to the fact that God has revealed Himself progressively, building on what He revealed before until the final revelation of Himself in Jesus Christ (Heb. 1:1–2). Though using human language to communicate to us and employing human authors to write His Word, the Lord is the ultimate source of the Bible, which is why we can be confident that divine revelation unfolds harmoniously without contradicting itself. When we speak of Scripture’s origin, we are talking about the fact that Scripture comes from God Himself.

Numerous biblical passages testify to this truth, but 2 Timothy 3:16–17 may be the most important of these. In this text, the Apostle Paul tells us that “all Scripture is breathed out by God.” The translation “breathed out” is the rendering of the Greek term *theopneustos*, and it is perhaps the most literal way to convey this term in English. Human speech requires us to breathe out. Air from our lungs must pass through our vocal cords, vibrating them at certain frequencies to produce sounds that are then

From The Pulpit...



-  Pastor Orvin Paige will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Covenant Baptist Church (Friars Hill Road) on the topic **“Freedom From Care”** based on Philippians 4:6-7.
-  Brother Rolando Lewis will preach at the 8:00 a.m. service at the Tyrells Baptist Church (Tyrells Main Road) on the topic **“The Secret to True Happiness”** based on Philippians 4:11-13.
-  Pastor Joshua Jonas will preach at the 10:00 a.m. service at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range) on the topic **“Unconditional Obedience”** based on Acts 5:12-42.
-  Dr. Hensworth Jonas will preach at the 6:00 p.m. Joint Ordination service at the Central Baptist Church (Radio Range) on the topic **“The Indispensable Word”** based on Psalm 19.

formed into words by our mouths. In saying that God “breathed out” Scripture, Paul indicates that the words of the Bible are the Lord’s words. Just as the words we say are our speech because we produce them in the process of breathing air out through our vocal cords and mouth, the words of Scripture are God’s words because He produced them. Yes, human authors wrote down these words, but they are no less God’s words than if the Lord had taken the pen and written them Himself.

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Today, we find that many people consider us foolish for living by the teaching of Scripture because it was written long ago and by men who did not enjoy the same kind of technological advancements that we do. Given cultural pressure, we could find ourselves slowly adopting their view of Scripture if we are not careful to remember its divine origin. We follow the Bible not because it evokes fond memories of childhood when we went to church and our parents read the Scriptures to us. We reject modern notions of morality not because we are unthinking bigots who do not want people who are different from us to be happy. Our confidence in the Bible is based not in a fearful rejection of what science can legitimately tell us. No, we seek to conform our lives to the Scriptures because they are the very Word of God, and we have no option but to believe and live by what our Creator has said.

Coram Deo

We must have the firm confidence that Scripture is the Word of God, or we will not be able to stand firm in the day of trial. Scripture may have been written thousands of years ago, but it is the very revelation of God Himself. What the Bible says, the Lord says, and that is why we must know, love, and obey the Scriptures.

Passages for Further Study

- Deuteronomy 8:3
- Haggai 1:12
- Zechariah 7:4-7
- 2 Peter 1:16-21

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Lord's Supper
This
Morning



**READING THE BIBLE
IN A YEAR...**



- Today, Sept. 04th – Proverbs 4-5
- Monday, Sept. 05th – Proverbs 6-7; I Corinthians 12
- Tuesday, Sept. 06th – Proverbs 8-9; I Corinthians 13
- Wednesday, Sept. 07th – Proverbs 10-12; I Corinthians 14
- Thursday, Sept. 08th – Proverbs 13-14; I Corinthians 15
- Friday, Sept. 09th – Proverbs 15-16; I Corinthians 16
- Saturday, Sept. 10th – Proverbs 17-19
- Sunday, Sept. 11th – Proverbs 20-22

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

~Today~

Bro. John & Sis. Josie-Ann Jonas

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!

~4th September - 10th September~

~5th~

- Sis. Maria Hurst—Central
- Sis. Martha Bowen—Central

~7th~

Bro. Charlesworth Dowdie—Central

~9th~

- Bro. Ceon Barlow—Central
- Bro. Reginald Ferris—Central

~10th~

Bro. Semaj Barnes—Central

BE FERVENT IN PRAYER

GENERAL MINISTRY NEEDS

Elders, Deacons, and their families
 Baptist Academy of Antigua
 E.C.B.M. Ministries & Staff
 Evangelistic Ministries



“Sovereign Grace Hour” (ABS TV & Abundant Life Radio)

CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH: Bro. Egbert Gordon, Sis. Sharon Carty, Sis. Veronica Roberts, Sis. Louise Pilgrim, Sis. Enid Matthew, Sis. Jean Edwards, Dr. Hensworth W. C. Jonas, Sis. Ann-Marie Pilgrim, Bro. Nigel Pilgrim, Sis. Rosalind Ferris, Sis. Paula Skerritt, Sis. Cassilda Williams, Sis. Sonia Charles, Sis. Monica Gardener, Sis. Pamela Walcott, Sis. Juliette Smith, Sis. Priya Jattan

PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Maxime James, Sis. Maria Hurst, Sis. Yvonne Lee, Sis. Nadine Smith, Sis. Curline Joseph Dea. Ian & Sis. Bronwen Blair

THANKSGIVING: Bro Wilfred Irish, Sis. Judy Browne, Sis Asheka Davis

NEW MEMBERS: Sis. Helena Williams, Bro. Corly Francis, Sis. Eulyyn Williams, Sis. Alesha Joseph, Bro. Kyle Abraham, Bro. Enrico St. Jean, Sis. Ashika Davis, Sis. Celine Bolivard, Sis. Telesha Choy, Sis. Charissa Watkins, Bro. Ken Murray, Sis. Gloria Herrera, Bro. Kareem Michael, Sis. Clytie Francis, Bro. R. Oliver Baptiste, Bro. Shane Cory, Sis. Rosamund Haynes, Sis. Victoria Charlton, Sis. Eliena Louisa, Bro. Xavier Joseph, Bro. Zakeem Michael, Sis. Nia Santana, Bro. Akeel Jarvis, Sis. Esther René

WATCH CARE: Sis. Irene Jonas, Bro. Charles Richards, Sis. Enid Matthew

SHUT IN: Sis. Edith McCoy

OTHER CONCERNS

SAVING GRACE: Chelsea Barlow, Chikaede Barlow, George Browne, Khalid Browne, Hamadi Browne, Hasani Roberts, Colin Brisport, Otis Brisport, Sandra Manwarren, Debbie Hurst, Bre Henry, Andy Josiah, Patrice Josiah, John Lee

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Ingrid Thomas (Tyrells), Michelle Paige (Covenant), Christine Powell (Central), Kimberly Nathan (Central), Z'Roya Ambrose (Central)

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 119:105
 Elementary — 1 Timothy 4:12
 Secondary & Adults — Galatians 6:7

THIS WEEK

- Sun. 08:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ABS TV)
- 08:00 a.m. Worship: Tyrells & Covenant
- 09:00 a.m. Sunday School: Central
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- 10:00 a.m. Worship: Central
- 06:00 p.m. Joint Ordination Service: Central
- Mon. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- Tues. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- 03:00 p.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
- 06:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting: Central
- Wed. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- 07:00 p.m. Monthly Stewardship Meeting: Central
- Thurs. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- Fri.. 09:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- 06:30 p.m. BLAST (Girls) Youth Ministry: Central
- 06:30 p.m. BLAST (Boys) Youth Ministry: Central
- Sat.. 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer Meeting
- 07:00 p.m. **New Members' Forum:** Central Fellowship Hall



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Tyrells Baptist Church	460-3557
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