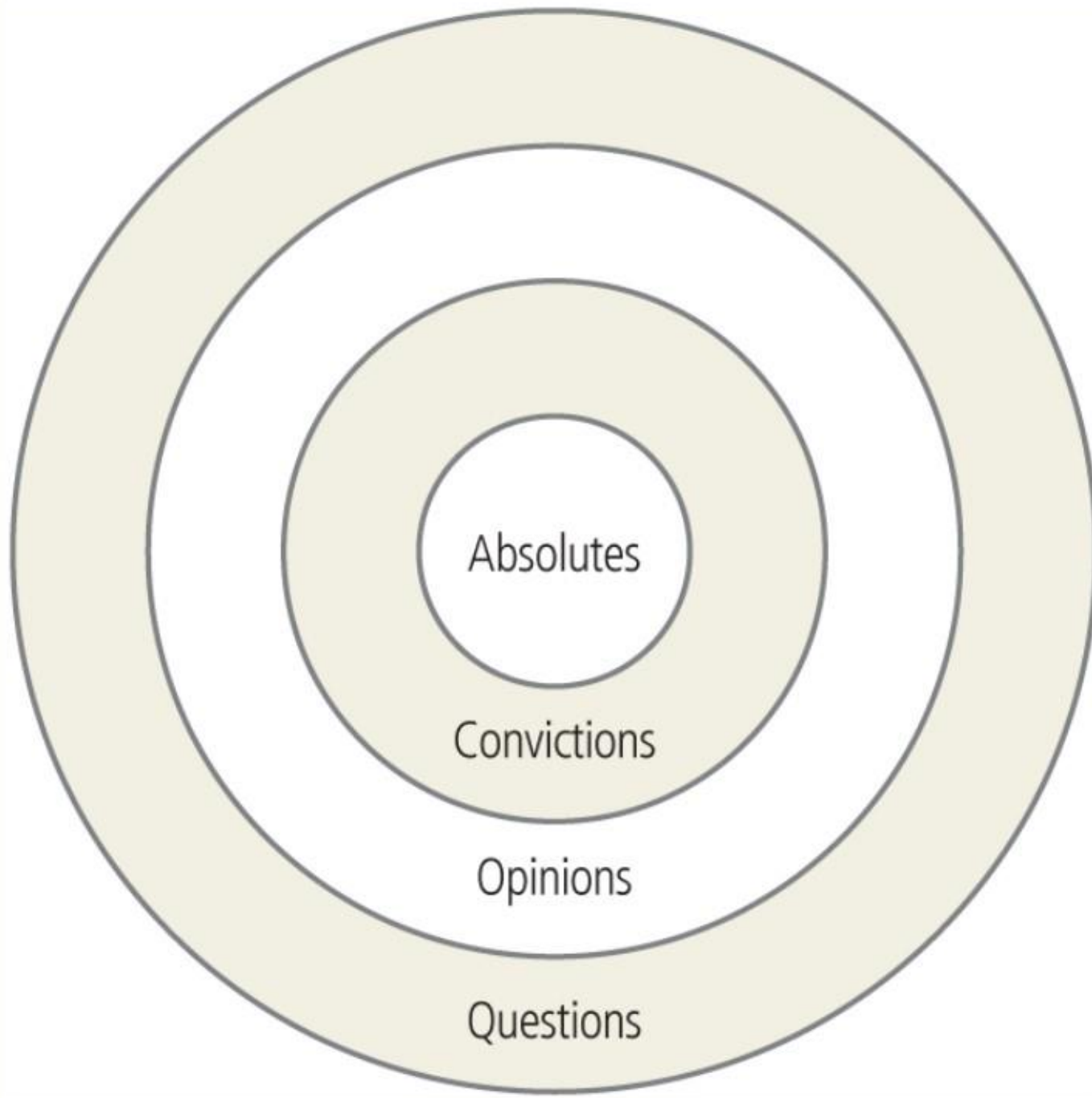


Colossians

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The Bible is inspired by God by the Holy Spirit, through human authors.

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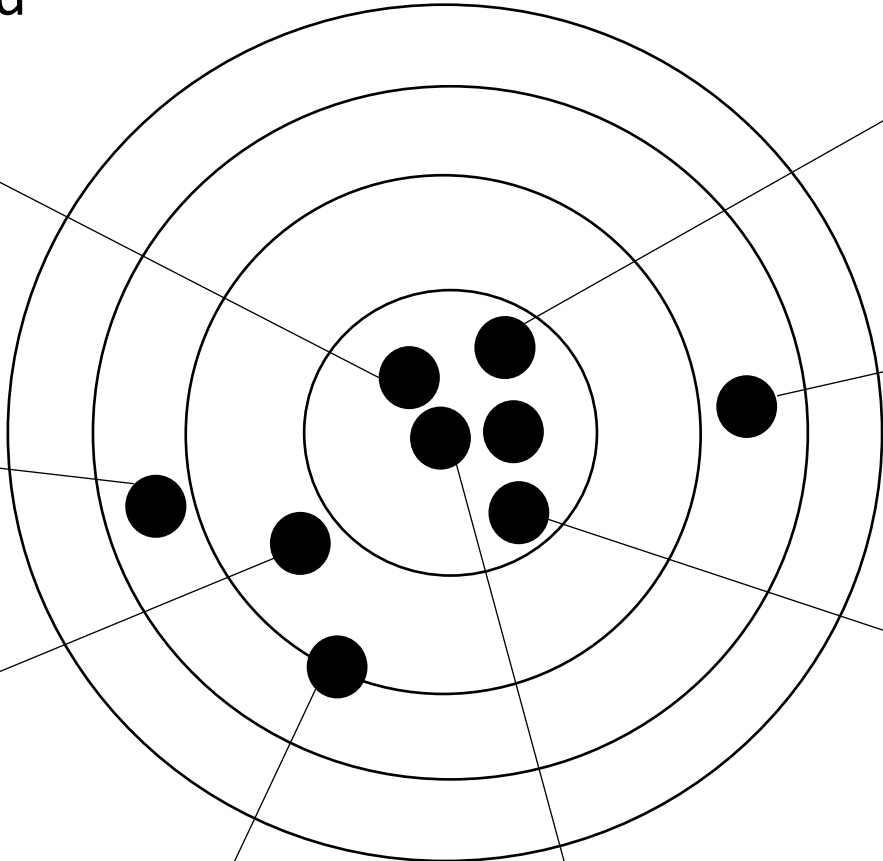
Specific Bible translations?

Without error in the original writings.

The canon of the Bible

Application of the Bible (ex. Regulative Principle vs Normative Principle of Worship)

The Bible has been faithfully transmitted down to us.





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-EFCA Doctrinal Statement Article 2

## General Revelation

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## External Creation

“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.”

-Psalm 19:1 (ESV)



## Internal Human Experience

“<sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, **have been clearly perceived**, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.”

-Romans 1:19-20 (ESV)



## Special Revelation

“God’s written revelation of who he is and what he has done in redemptive history.”

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-2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

# “All Scripture”

Which books? (week 2) The 39 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New Testament.

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...the faith, just as you were taught ...  
...by philosophy and empty deceit, ...  
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<sup>15</sup> And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother **Paul** also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, <sup>16</sup> as he does **in all his letters** when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, **as they do the other Scriptures.**

-2 Peter 3:15-16 (ESV)

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**“Breathed out by God”**

Greek: θεόπνευστος

θεός (theos) = God

πνέω (ne-oe) = to breath out

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<sup>4</sup> And **Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD.** He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

-Exodus 24:4 (ESV)

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## Process of Inspiration

<sup>20</sup> knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but **men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**

-2 Peter 1:20-21 (ESV)

“The Spirit was continually **“working confluently in, with and by them,** elevating them, directing them, controlling them, energizing them, so that, as His instruments, they rise above themselves and under His inspiration do His work and reach his aim.”

-Quoting B.B. Warfield in Understanding Christian Theology, Swindoll, Charles R., and Roy B. Zuck. 2003.

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# “Verbally Inspired”

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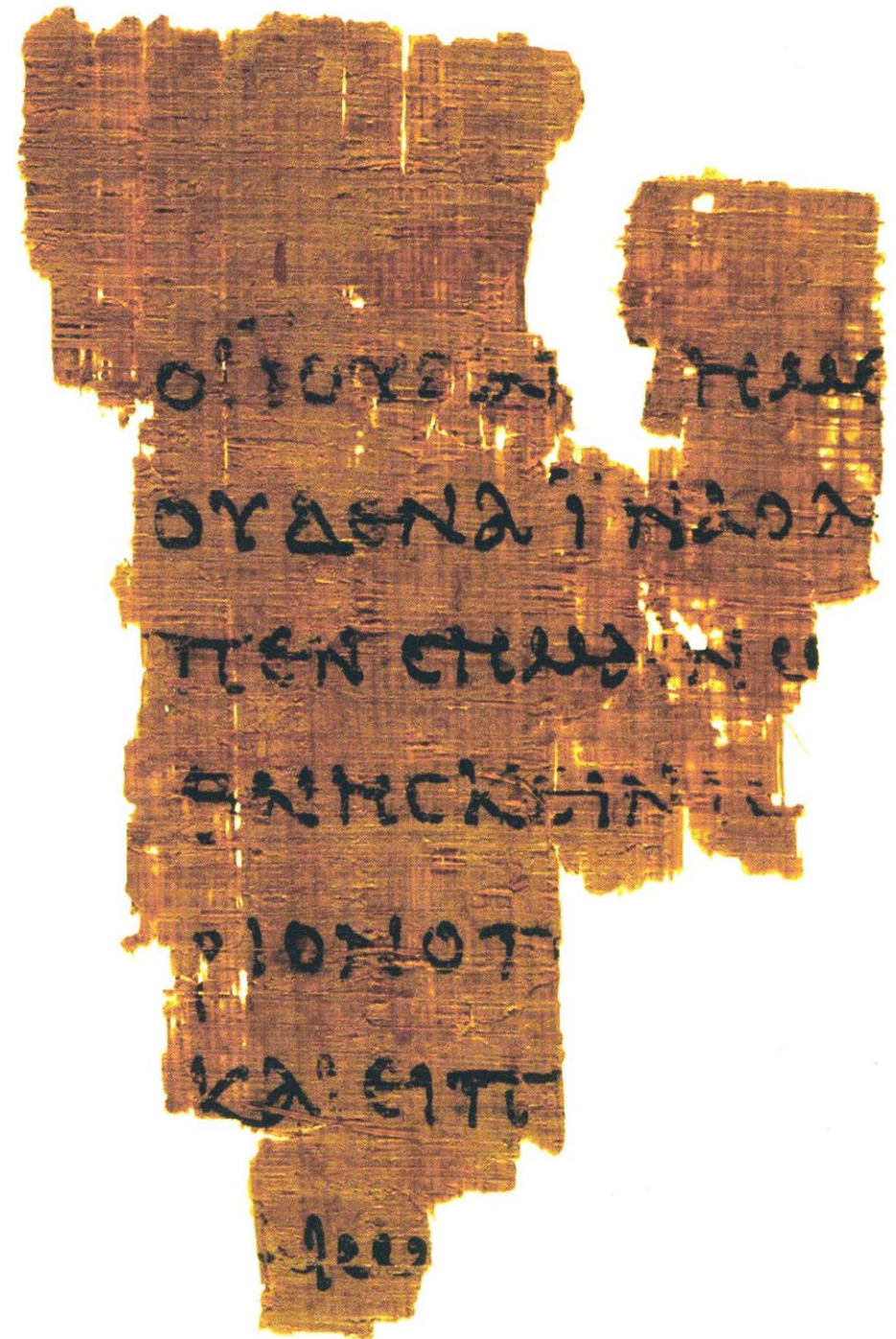
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-Evangelical Dictionary of Theology

P 52 (papyrus 52)

“John Rylands fragment”

Portions of John 18:31-  
33, 37-38 dated to about  
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**“the complete revelation of His will for salvation”**

Regulative vs Normative Principles of Worship

Are we allowed to worship in ways which are commanded in the Bible only? (**Regulative**)

Are we allowed to worship in any ways except what is prohibited by the Bible? (**Normative**)



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