

Question 8: Is the Bible sufficient for faith?

Short answer

Yes. The Bible is sufficient because it contains everything God wants us to know in order to believe in Him, know salvation in Jesus, and live in a way that pleases Him.

Explanation

Saying the Bible is “sufficient” does not mean it talks about every topic in the world (like math, cooking, or technology). It means that, when it comes to faith—who God is, who we are, what sin is, how to be saved, and how to live as Christians—the Bible is complete and trustworthy.

God has given us in Scripture what we truly need to follow Him. So we do not need “new revelations” that add rules or truths necessary for salvation. We can use many helpful things (teaching, books, sermons, parents’ advice, testimonies), but all these things must be tested by the Bible, because only the Bible is the sure rule given by God.

The sufficiency of the Bible also protects us from two errors:

- Adding: inventing rules God did not command.
- Taking away: ignoring parts we don’t like.

When the Bible speaks clearly, we have what we need to believe and obey. And when we don’t understand right away, we can keep studying with humility, asking God for wisdom and help.

Reference verses

- **2 Timothy 3:15–17** — “The Holy Scriptures... are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation... so that the man of God may be complete...”
- **Jude 1:3** — “...contend earnestly for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.”
- **Deuteronomy 4:2** — “You shall not add to it... and you shall not take from it...”