

## Question 6: What does “inspiration” of Scripture mean?

### **Short answer**

“Inspiration” means that God guided the authors of the Bible, through the Holy Spirit, so that they wrote what He wanted to communicate: words that are true and trustworthy.

### **Explanation**

When Christians say the Bible is “inspired,” they do not mean only that it is a “beautiful” or “motivating” book. They mean something deeper: God is the source of the message.

This does not mean that God “dictated” every word like a robot. The biblical authors wrote with their own style, language, experiences, and personality. But while they were writing, the Holy Spirit guided them in a special way, so that the final result was exactly what God wanted to say to His people.

That is why we can trust the Bible: because God does not lie and does not make mistakes. Inspiration concerns the message God intended to give—a message that teaches the truth about God, sin, salvation, and new life.

### **Reference verses**

- **2 Timothy 3:16** — “All Scripture is inspired by God...”
- **2 Peter 1:20–21** — “Men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”
- **John 16:13** — “When He comes, the Spirit of truth, He will guide you into all the truth.”

### **In simple words**

Saying the Bible is “inspired” means that God helped the people who wrote it to put His message in writing. They used human words, but God guided them, so what we read is true and helps us know God.

### **1 mini practical example**

Imagine a teacher helping a student write an important letter: the student writes in his own handwriting and way of speaking, but the teacher checks and guides so that the letter says exactly what it needs to say. In the same way, the authors wrote, and God guided them so that the message would be accurate and true.