

# Ways the Bible is received by Various Christian Groups:

## THE REFORMED AND EVANGELICAL POSITION

(Received as it is by faith)

Regardless of how it is received by men,  
It remains God's inspired and inerrant Word,  
complete and sufficient to give  
true (though not exhaustive) revelation

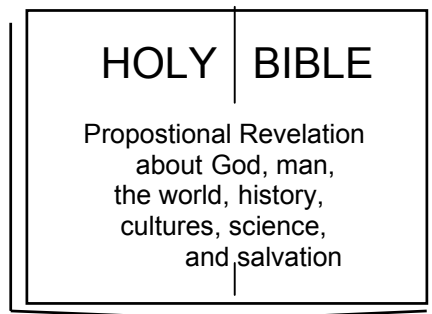
The Witness of the Spirit convinces the heart.

## ROMAN CATHOLICISM, VARIOUS CULTS

(Adds to the Word)

It must be interpreted by a priest,  
council, creed, teacher, etc  
and supplemented with further  
revelation or writings.

Authority rests upon the church,  
or a particular teacher.



## THE LIBERAL OR HIGHER CRITICAL

(Subtracts from the Word)

The errors, bias of the authors and  
Inconsistencies must be sorted out  
and resolved. The Bible is a mixture  
truth and error.

Authority rests upon the subjective  
decision and scholarship of the critic.

## THE NEO-ORTHODOX, MODERNIST, EXISTENTIAL THEOLOGICAL POSITION

(Human writings become God's Word within the heart)

Behind the fallable writings, with their errors,  
myths, superstitions and time-bound propositions,  
(but not equated with them) lies spiritual meaning.

Authority rests upon how they are received in  
the heart of a believer.