

insists that all Scripture is authoritative.

Every book of the Bible contains plain passages, and every book contains passages that are less plain. We must gather the simple passages from all parts of the Bible, study them, and build our views upon what they seem to teach. Then we must check these interpretations by other passages, constantly increasing our knowledge of Scripture, and standing ready at all times to alter our formulations as better understanding gives us more light on the full meaning of Scripture. "The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself."

The tenth section sums up the authority of Scripture in the strongest possible terms. It puts it above all gatherings of Christians, all human creeds, all opinions of ancient writers. It declares that the Supreme Judge in all matters of religion "can be none other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture."