

Bible is inerrant because we can answer all possible objections. We believe it is inerrant because we have been saved through the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our Lord and Master and He has declared the Bible is free from error.

Two weeks ago Dr. Boice referred to a number of verses in this connection. I would like to call your attention to one verse that impresses me as particularly clear. This is what Jesus said to the disciples on the road to Emaus after His resurrection. We read in the Gospels that Jesus on several occasions has told the disciples that He would be killed and raised from the dead. However, we find that these and the other disciples had not real expectations of His raised, and were utterly surprised and downcast at His death. This shows how easy it is not to take in what is clearly given to us if it does not fit with our previous ideas. Yet these men were men who had studied the Scripture a great deal. They were familiar with it. They had also heard Jesus discussing it. It was for this reason that when they expressed their disbelief in the stories they heard that He was raised from the dead, He said to them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. He did not rebuke them for not having understood what He had told them but for not having believed all that the Scriptures have spoken. This is a clear indication that Jesus felt that the Scriptures could be taken not merely for matters that are absolutely clear in them but for matters in them that might not be obvious on first reading. He expected His disciples to believe all that the Scriptures have spoken. He expects us if we are his disciples to believe all that the Scriptures have spoken. We believe in inerrancy because Jesus Christ taught it.

Now we have noticed that belief in inerrancy is not necessary for salvation. Next I would like to notice that belief in inerrancy is important for progress in Christian life. The strong language Jesus used in rebuking His disciples for not studying the Scriptures sufficiently to get beneath the external statements and into the heart of it, and believing all that the Scriptures