



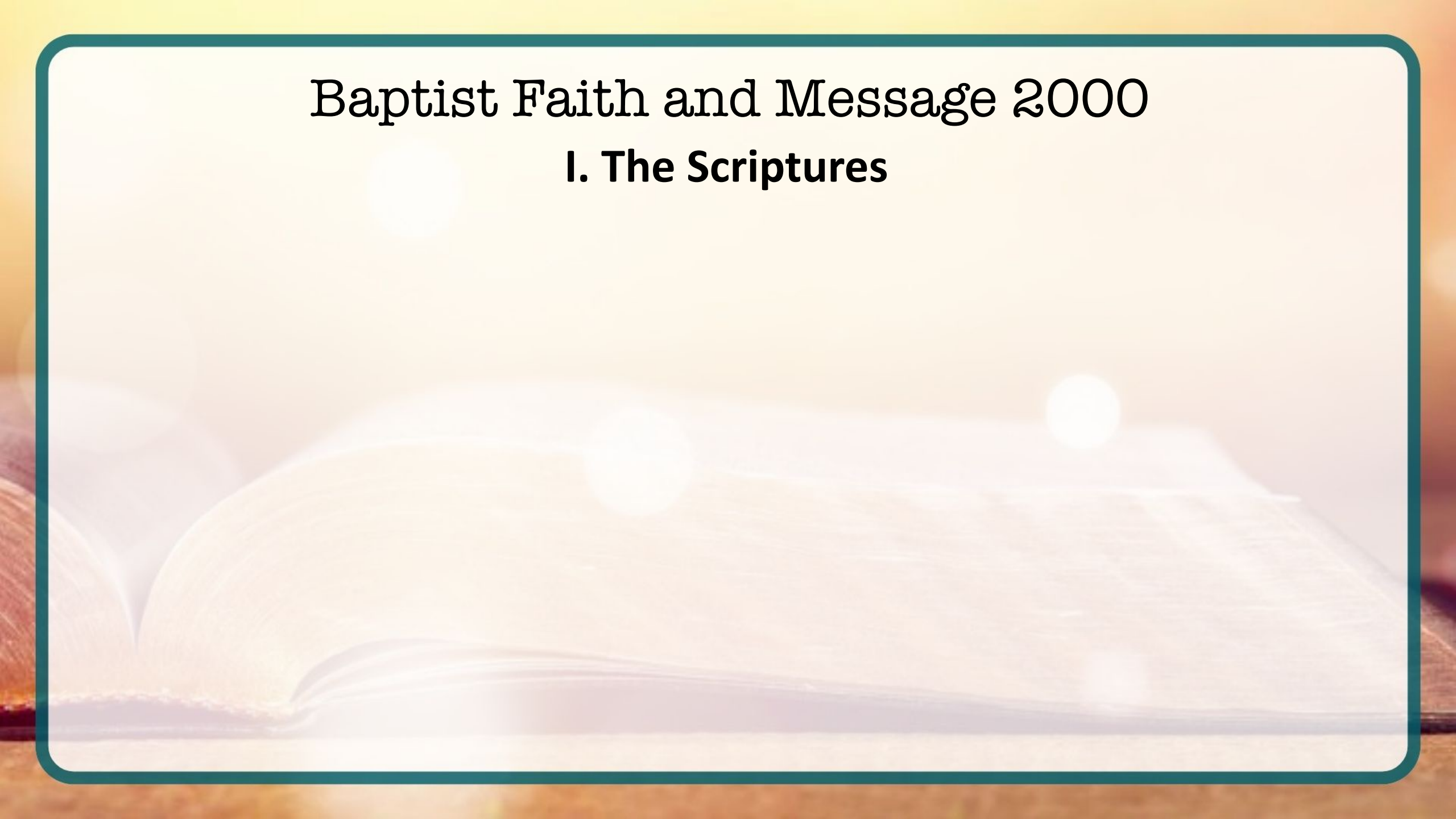
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WHAT WE BELIEVE

THE
BAPTIST
FAITH &
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2000

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I. The Scriptures



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The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

Key Texts

Psalm 19:7-10

"The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb."

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Matt 5:17-18 17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

John 17:17: “Sanctify them by your truth. Your word is truth.”

Key Texts

2 Timothy 3:15-17

15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

Key Texts

2 Peter 1:19-21

19 And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Major Theological Observations

The Bible is a divine-human book.

“the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God’s revelation of Himself to man.”



Major Theological Observations

The Bible is a purposeful book.

The Bible has “*salvation for its end.*”



Major Theological Observations

The Bible is a truthful book.

“All Scripture is totally true and trustworthy”



Major Theological Observations

The Bible is an authoritative book.

“It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore, is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried.”

Major Theological Observations

The Bible is a Christ exalting book.

“All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.”

