

The Clarity of Scriptures

- ▶ Theologians call it the Perspicuity of Scripture, but it simply means to be _____ so we will call it the Clarity of Scripture.
- ▶ The doctrine of the clarity of Scripture states that God can speak plainly and clearly in a way that what He says can be _____
- ▶ There are four things that the doctrine of the Clarity does NOT mean:
 - The doctrine of the clarity of Scripture does not mean that all the words, verses, and teaching of the Word of God are _____ plain and clear.
 - The doctrine of the clarity of Scripture does not mean that Scripture is equally plain and clear to _____ alike.
 - The doctrine of the clarity of Scripture does not mean that the Scriptures are so plain and clear that it does not require _____.
 - The doctrine of the clarity of Scripture does not mean that we don't need _____. Of course, to receive the Word, we need the Holy Spirit and we need pastors and teachers.
- ▶ Peter says here that there are _____ things that Paul wrote that are hard to understand and very difficult to grasp and comprehend.
- ▶ The doctrine would state that the main things, the things we need to know, the things we need to believe, and the things we need to understand to be _____ are clear, at least in an intellectual way.
- ▶ It is a mistake to say that _____ doctrines are equally clear in Scripture.
- ▶ Even though we require the work of the Holy Spirit to properly understand and believe Scripture that does not mean that Scripture is not _____. The need for the illumination of the Holy Spirit is because of a problem with us, not a problem with the Scripture.
- ▶ The inspired Scriptures are considered those of the original manuscripts--_____ with some Aramaic in the Old Testament and _____ in the New Testament.
- ▶ Copies and translations of the original are by God's care and providence kept _____ in all ages.