

2. The Trinity and Scripture: a theological outline

1. Introduction

2. The Father and Scripture: the covenant book

a. Redemption and Scripture

God's covenant relationship with his people

Scripture: a rich covenant book

b. Revelation and Scripture

Scripture is a mode of God's presence in the world: (*semantic* presence?)

Avoiding idolatry

3. The Son and Scripture: the words of the Word

a. Jesus is the Word of God; Scripture is the Word of God

John 1.1

1 Thess 2.13

John 15.4-8

Herman Bavinck: Scripture is 'the handmaiden of Christ'

b. Scripture and the incarnation

'one book with two natures'?

The divine and human in Scripture: an outworking of providence

4. The Holy Spirit and Scripture: the God-breathed Word

a. The inspiration of Scripture: the Spirit as the author of Scripture

The meaning and implications of 2 Timothy 3.16:

- *theopneustos*

- plenary, verbal inspiration

- divine and human in the authoring of Scripture

Bavinck: the Spirit's action on the writer includes his 'birth, upbringing, natural gifts, research, memory, reflection, experience of life, revelation, etc.'

b. The illumination of Scripture: the Spirit's faithfulness

The Spirit ministers the meaning of what he once wrote

Through the Spirit, God is true to his word