

Q. 39. Prove that Holy Scripture is the rule of faith and has been from earliest times.

A. 2 Chronicles xxxiv. 30. And the King went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small; and he read in their ears all the words of the Book of the Covenant that was found in the house of the Lord.

Isaiah xxxiv. 16. Seek ye out of the Book of the Lord, and read.

Q. 40. Prove that Christ appealed to Scripture as the rule.

A. He resisted Satan with Scripture. He said that the Sadducees erred, because they did not know the Scripture. He appealed to Holy Scripture.

Matthew iv. 4. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matthew xxii. 29. Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God.

Luke xvi. 31. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

John v. 39. Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are the, which testify of me.

Q. 41. Did the Apostles refer to Holy Scripture?

A. Yes. It was the ground of all their teaching.

Acts xxvi. 22. Having, therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come.

2 Timothy iii. 15-17. And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. (16) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: (17) That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Q. 42. Before the New Testament was written, what was the rule?

A. The Old Testament; and when Christ came, the teaching of Christ and His Apostles.