ACBC Exam Study Guide

Theology Exam 2

Q: Describe the sufficiency of Scripture. Relate the doctrine of the sufficiency of Scripture to the practice of biblical counseling. Research and respond to the arguments of at least one integrationist or Christian Psychologist regarding the insufficiency of Scripture for counseling.

Definitions:

Sufficiency of Scripture

Scripture Texts:

2 Timothy 3:15-17

2 Peter 1:3ff

Matthew 5:18, 24:35

John 10:35, 16:12-13, 17:17

1 Corinthians 2:13

Hebrews 4:12

Resources:

Sufficiency

Jay Adams, *The Christian Counselor’s Manual* (Zondervan, 1986), 18-23, 97.

Jay Adams, *Ready to Restore* (P&R, 1981), 11.

Paul Enns, *The Moody Handbook of Theology*, rev. ed. (Moody Press, 2008), 158.

Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology* (Zondervan, 1994), 122-3.

John MacArthur & Wayne Mack, *Introduction to Biblical Counseling* (Word, 1994), 63ff.

Stuart Scott & Heath Lambert eds., *Counseling the Hard Cases* (B&H Academic, 2012), 1-24.

Steve Viars & Rob Green, “The Sufficiency of Scripture,” in *Christ Centered Biblical Counseling*, edited by James MacDonald, Bob Kellemen, & Steve Viars (Harvest House, 2013), 89-106.

Critique of the “insufficiency” view

Heath Lambert, *The Biblical Counseling Movement After Adams* (Crossway, 2012), chapter 5.

Eric Johnson, ed., *Psychology & Christianity: Five Views*, 2nd ed. (IVP, 2010), 143-147, 194-198, 245-273. In this “multiple views” book, David Powlison writes the article which articulates the biblical counseling view of counseling and its relationships to psychology (245-273). However, he also offers critiques of both integration (143-147) and Christian psychology (194-198) from a biblical counseling viewpoint.

David Powlison, “Critiquing Modern Integrationists,” *Journal of Biblical Counseling* XI (1993): 24-34. Available from www.ccef.org/critiquing-modern-integrationists

Integrationist and Christian Psychology (potential resources for critique)

Eric Johnson, *Foundations for Soul Care* (IVP, 2007)

Stanton Jones & Richard Butman, *Modern Psychotherapies* (IVP, 1991)

Mark McMinn & Clark Campbell, *Integrative Psychotherapy* (IVP, 2007)