

BLOOD FOR CLARITY

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

THE CLARITY OF SCRIPTURE

PRINT

Ulrich Zwingli — *On the Clarity and Certainty of the Word of God*. This sermon was first preached in the Oetenbach convent in Zurich, Switzerland in 1522. It is a wonderful defense of the perspicuity of Scripture, including several Old and New Testament examples of the clarity and certainty that comes from God's word.

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Martin Luther — *Bondage of the Will*. This book is Martin Luther's magnum opus. It was his formal response to Erasmus's defense of the Roman Catholic doctrine of free will. Although Luther only wrote a small section about the perspicuity of Scripture, the genius of this work is that rather than *telling* the reader that Scripture is clear, he *shows* the reader that Scripture is clear by properly interpreting the same passages that Erasmus used (or misused) to defend free will.

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William Whitaker — *Disputations on Holy Scripture*. In this dense defense of the nature of Scripture, William Whitaker (1547-1595) answers six questions that were hotly debated by Catholics and Protestants during the Reformation. *Disputations* was mainly countering the arguments of two prominent Catholic theologians — Robert Bellarmine and Thomas Stapleton. Whitaker's research is thorough and his argumentation convincing. This resource helpfully includes many quotations from early church fathers upon whom Catholics depend for their authority in tradition.

[Online](#)

AUDIO

Jon Anderson. In the following lessons, Jon gives much historical background on the life and convictions of Martin Luther, as well as argues from Scripture that the Scriptures are their own interpretive authority.

["Lessons from Martin Luther: The Bible, Clarity, and Interpretation"](#)

["Authority and Reality in Biblical Interpretation"](#)

MARTYRDOM

John Foxe — *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*. In its original form, this book was several volumes long. It includes carefully researched accounts of Christian martyrs from the first through the sixteenth centuries of church history. It is a great resource to increase the Christian's thankfulness and courage.

[Online](#)

J. C. Ryle — *Light from Old Times*. Formerly titled, *Five English Reformers*, this work is comprised of a series of biographical sketches. With these, Bishop Ryle intended to help guard the Church of England from the encroaching influence of Roman Catholicism by reminding his fellow churchmen of their past bloody conflicts with Rome.

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J. H. Merle d'Aubigné — *The Reformation in England*. This two-volume work, written by a faithful French pastor, is part of a several-volume series that chronicles one of the most important events in church history — the Protestant Reformation. In these two books, the reader will learn about the important characters, convictions, and conflicts that God was using to bring the gospel to the English-speaking world.

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