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The world is conquered by the Word, and by the Word the Church is served and rebuilt.

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There is a fulness in all Scripture far beyond our conception.

J. C. RYLE

The Bible is a rock of diamonds, a chain of pearls, the sword of the Spirit; a chart by which the Christian sails to eternity; the map by which he daily walks; the sundial by which he sets his life; the balance in which he weighs his actions.

THOMAS WATSON

Ignorance of the Scripture is ignorance of Christ.

JEROME

There is not a word in the Bible which is *extra crucem*, which can be understood without reference to the cross.

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