

A United Methodist Approach to Scripture

*From the Articles of Religion and Confession of Faith of the
United Methodist Church*

Article 5 of the Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church

The Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation; so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any [person] that it should be believed as an article of faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation. In the name of the Holy Scripture we do understand those canonical books of the Old and New Testament of whose authority was never any doubt in the church. (i.e. the 39 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New Testament)

Article 4 of the Confession of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren Church

We believe the Holy Bible, Old and New Testaments, reveals the Word of God so far as it is necessary for our salvation. It is to be received through the Holy Spirit as the true rule and guide for faith and practice. Whatever is not revealed in or established by the Holy Scriptures is not to be made an article of faith nor is it to be taught as essential to salvation.