

Grownups

The Bible

Part 3

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Acts 2:42 ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

I. We must remember that it is difficult for Non-Believers and Believers will view scripture much differently

A. --There are two minds.

Unbelievers are “dead”

Ephesians 4:18 Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him

Believers can understand

Ephesians 2:4-5 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

II. Why we can trust scripture

A. Jesus believed it

--He proclaimed scripture as truth

John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

--He acknowledged scripture as authoritative

Matthew 15:3 He answered them, “Why do you break God's commandment because of your tradition?”

B. Because of the preservation process

<https://bible.org/seriespage/6-canoncity>

1. The process (the doctrine of) by which God preserved all his writings for his people from generation to generation and through varied translations.

*******Canonicity...**“Canon” is a word that comes from Greek and Hebrew words that literally means a measuring rod. So canonicity describes the standard that books had to meet to be recognized as scripture.” Geisler & Nix

2. How do we know what 66 books belong in the Bible?

--Written by a prophet, apostle or someone associated with one.

--The scripture could not contradict or disagree with previous scripture

--The church had to convey a general consensus that the writing was an inspired book.

4. 3 historical periods in new testament canon

--Circulation period

I Thessalonians 5:27 command you in the name of the Lord to read this letter to all the brothers and sisters.

--Collection period

--Recognition period

5. Is the canon closed?

Revelation 22:18-19 And I solemnly declare to everyone who hears the words of prophecy written in this book: If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book. ¹⁹ And if anyone removes any of the words from this book of prophecy, God will remove that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book.

C. Because logically it makes sense to trust scripture

From: crossexamined.org/12-reasons-to-trust-the-new-testament

Multiple, Independent Sources Contributed to It

We Have Thousands of New Testament Manuscripts

**The Manuscripts Were Written Early
The Documents Are a Collection of Eyewitness Accounts**

Non-Christian Sources Confirm the Most Important Details

We Can Reconstruct It Using Just Quotes of Early Church Fathers

Historical and Archeological Evidence Corroborate It

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It Fulfills Ancient Prophecies in Amazing Ways

It Contains Embarrassing Details

It Includes the Difficult Sayings of Jesus

A "Chain of Custody" Confirms The Content of the Originals

It Contains "Undesigned Coincidences" That Verify Its Authenticity

Close

If you're not confident in the authority of the Scriptures, you will be a slave to what sounds right.

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