

FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ July 26th, 2020



Part 4: "How the Bible Came to Be" (cont.'d)

FOR YOUR PERSONAL GROWTH

"How to Get the Most Out of God's Word" Zoom Class: Wednesday, August 5th – 6:30 p.m. (Sign up on your Connection Card or email: rjones@fellowshipnorwalk.org)

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You Can Trust the Bible booklet

Bible Bookcase Packet

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The Bible Unearthed™ - This 12-part series explores the history, importance and impact of archaeology and how discoveries help us better understand the ancient world. The team teaches from an interactive studio filled with artifacts, models, slides and gizmos. The team gets dirty with the basic tools, technologies and discoveries of archaeology, while focusing on the key locations and artifacts that make the Bible come alive. Entertaining and educational, *Bible Unearthed*™ is a great apologetics resource for the entire family.

The Process of How the Bible Came to Be

1. The term used for God communicating to us is *revelation* (Hebrews 1:1; Galatians 1:12)
2. The term used for the process of the authors writing down the thoughts of God into words – which we call The Bible – is *inspiration* (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).
3. The terms used for the accuracy of the Bible are:
_____ = an absence of errors in the original documents
_____ = the incapability of making mistakes or errors in the original documents
 - 1.) The Bible Teaches It's Inerrancy – John 7:28; 8:26; Titus 1:2; Rom. 3:4; 2 Tim. 3:16; John 14:6; John 8:14, 40; 2 Peter 1:21; John 17:17; Psalm 119:160; 19:7; Prov. 30:5
 - 2.) Jesus affirmed the Bible's accuracy by quoting and referring to the Scriptures, submitting to their authority and declaring them true – Matt. 4:1-11; Luks 20: 37-38; Matt. 5:17; Luke 4:18-19; John 17:17; 10:35

4. The term used for the demand of the Bible to call us to faith and obedience to it and to God is _____.
- 1.) Evidence for the fact of the Bible's authority is seen in the divine character of the Bible (Ps. 19:7-9; 119:39; Heb. 4:12), the divine inspiration of the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16), the submission of Jesus to the Scriptures, and the recognition of the Bible's authority by the apostles (Acts 2:14-16; Rom. 3:9-22).
 - 2.) Our response to God's authority in our lives through obedience to His Word exhibits our love for Him – John 14:15, 21,23)
5. The term used for determining which books were included in the Bible is _____ or _____ (a rule or standard; a measure).
- 1.) Timeline of the Bible Record:
 - O. T.: Written between 1400 - 430 B.C. (Malachi)
 - N. T.: Written between the 40's – 90 A.D. (Revelation)
 The recognition by church leaders that the canon of Scripture included the 66 books of both the Old and New Testaments that we have today - 397 A.D.
 - 2.) The important feature to remember is that God has determined which books belong in His Word and recognized as Scripture, not religious or church leaders. Their role was to discover which books God had inspired and include them.
 - 3.) The tests used to determine if a source of truth had God's authority and belonged in the canon of Holy Scripture included:
 - Did it claim to be divinely inspired and is there any evidence of its inspiration?
 - Was it written or endorsed by an accredited agent of God – a prophet, Jesus Himself, an apostle?
 - Could it be traced back to the time and/or the writer from when it professed to have originate from? (In other words, was it genuine?)
 - Was it factually true? (authentic)
 - Was it universally recognized by the Jews and/or by the Christian church as being God's Word through the testimony of God's people?
 - Did it demand faith in and obedience to what it said? (was is authoritative?)
 - Did it agree doctrinally with the teachings of known canonical books? (or was it contradictory?)
 - Was there evidence in history or in the known canonical books for the fulfillment of it's promises and predictions?
 - Did it convey God's message to each generation of His people in a fresh and living way?
 - Was it in harmony with the dignity and majesty of God?

Next Sunday: Is the canon of Scripture closed?
Is God still giving revelation (communicating to us) today?