

Session 2: Holy Scripture

2.1. How can we know the Bible is the Word of God?

1. Self-Authenticating Nature of Scripture
2. Not Ultimately the Church Who Decides

2.2. Which Books Should be in the Bible?

1. Canon
2. The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha
3. Old Testament Canon
 - i. 39 Books
 - ii. Story
 - iii. Communicative Being
 - iv. Coherence
 - v. Moses: (1) Theological Continuity and (2) Miracles and Prophecy
4. New Testament Canon
 - i. 27 Books
 - ii. Self-Authenticating
 - iii. Apostolic Authorship
 - iv. Analogy of Faith
 - v. Widespread Acceptance

2.3. What is the Holy Bible like?

1. Authority
2. Inspiration
3. Truthfulness and Inerrancy
4. Sufficiency (*Sola Scriptura*)
5. Necessity
6. Perspicuity

Homework: If the Bible is the Word of God, what should you be doing with it? Tell someone how you would like to incorporate it into your life every day and ask them to keep you accountable.