

CF504 - HOW WE GOT OUR BIBLE

INTRODUCTION

Most Christians understand that the Bible they hold in their hands is the inspired Word of God. Yet very few have a general understanding of the origin of the Bible. The purpose of this course is to show the student how the Bible came to be and why it can be accepted as the unerring, authoritative Word of God.

So, why should we study a course on how we got our Bible? If we claim the Bible is the Word of God we should have a basic understanding of how it came to be. Christians should be able to explain intelligently the basis of the Christian faith. This certainly would include our trust in the Bible. A study of “how we got our Bible” will give you greater assurance that the Bible you hold in your hand is accurate and truly represents what God originally gave to the prophets.

The four main links in the revelatory process

The study of How We Got Our Bible can be summarized into four main sections — Inspiration, Canonization, Transmission and Translation.

Inspiration:

The first link in the chain of revelation is inspiration. Inspiration deals with what God did, namely, breathing out the Scriptures. Inspiration is what gives the Bible its authority.

Canonization:

The second link, canonization, deals with how the inspired books of God came to be recognized as Holy Scripture. Inspiration tells us how the Bible received its authority; canonization tells us how these books came to be accepted by men.

Transmission:

The third link, transmission, deals with how the original autographs of the Bible were copied and whether these copies accurately reflect the original autographs.

Translation:

The fourth link, translation, discusses the translation of the Bible into other languages and whether the Bible in our language accurately reflects what the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts said.

Learn more by purchasing the entire course that covers the following topics:

- Chapter 1 - Introduction to - How We Got the Bible
- Chapter 2 - Revelation - God Has Spoken
- Chapter 3 - Inspiration - The God-breathed Scriptures
- Chapter 4 - Structure and Divisions of the Bible
- Chapter 5 - The Making of the Bible
- Chapter 6 - Canonicity - Determining and Discovering the God-inspired Books
- Chapter 7 - Development of the New Testament Canon
- Chapter 8 - Development of the Old Testament Canon
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- Chapter 11 - Texts and Manuscripts of the New Testament
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- Chapter 13 - History of the English Bible
- Chapter 14 - Hebrew, Protestant, Catholic, Old Testament Categories
- Chapter 15 - New Testament Classification
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- Chapter 17 - Time Period of Bible