

## HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE PART 1

### 1. HOW DID WE THE BIBLE?

The Combination of divinely inspired Scriptures we have today is called the \_\_\_\_\_ of Scriptures

The Word Canon means.....

1. In ecclesiastical affairs, a \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ of doctrine or discipline, enacted by a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by the sovereign; a decision of matters in religion, or a regulation of policy or discipline, by a general or provincial council.

Therefore.....

2. A law or rule in general.

3. The genuine books of the Holy Scriptures, called the sacred canon, or general rule of moral and religious duty, given by \_\_\_\_\_.

It's important to note that the Canon of Scriptures were not given to us by men but by \_\_\_\_\_.

The Canon of Scriptures became a part of God's Holy Word the \_\_\_\_\_ that pen was laid to paper.

But it took men many centuries to come into \_\_\_\_\_ with God about what was and what was not God breathed.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 AMPC / Proverbs 3:19 NKJV*

The process of determining the Canon of Scriptures was performed by \_\_\_\_\_ Rabbis and Early \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Leaders.

But by \_\_\_\_\_ the debate was finally over and man had come into agreement with God concerning the Canon of the Old Testament Scriptures.

Peter recognized \_\_\_\_\_ writings (2 Peter 3:15-16)

The \_\_\_\_\_ written by the 8 authors of the New Testament Scriptures were being read aloud in the churches of the 1st century.

Clement of \_\_\_\_\_ (bishop in the Church of Rome at the end of the 1st century) mentioned at least eight New Testament books (A.D. 95).

Polycarp, a \_\_\_\_\_ of John the apostle, acknowledged 15 books (A.D. 108).

Ignatius of \_\_\_\_\_ (bishop of the church there) acknowledged about seven books (A.D. 115).

Later, Irenaeus (student of Polycarp and bishop in present day \_\_\_\_\_: known for his work against heresy) mentioned 21 books (A.D. 185).

Hippolytus (a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Church of Rome: known for his work against heresy) recognized 22 books (A.D. 170-235).

In 170AD the Canon of all Scriptures in the New Testament as we have it today was added except for \_\_\_\_\_, James, 1 and 2 Peter, and \_\_\_\_\_ which were added later.

The difference between the Catholic Bible and the Canon of Scriptures is largely made up of respected historical books written between the Old Testament and New Testament time periods as well as additions to the book of Esther and Daniel.

These books are referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_ or Deuterocanonical books.

The word apocrypha means “\_\_\_\_\_,” while the word deuterocanonical means “\_\_\_\_\_ canon.”

What standards were used for determining the Canon of Scriptures in the New Testament ?

1) Was the author an \_\_\_\_\_ or have a close connection with an apostle?

- 2) Is the book being \_\_\_\_\_ by the body of Christ at large?
- 3) Did the book contain consistency of \_\_\_\_\_ and orthodox teaching?
- 4) Did the book bear \_\_\_\_\_ of high moral and spiritual values that would reflect a work of the \_\_\_\_\_?

But the greatest testament to the Canon of Scripture is not that man has agreed upon them but that there is \_\_\_\_\_ in them. *Hebrews 4:12 AMPC*

## **2. HOW DO WE \_\_\_\_\_ THE BIBLE?**

The science of studying Scripture is called \_\_\_\_\_.

Studying Scriptures is necessary for \_\_\_\_\_ them correctly.

Interpreting Scriptures correctly is imperative to \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God to every facet of life. *2 Timothy 2:15 KJV*

Study: *Spoudazo (spu-dah-zoe)* Means to make \_\_\_\_\_, to exert one's self, to give \_\_\_\_\_ to

"Rightly dividing the word of truth" could be translated as \_\_\_\_\_ it out in a \_\_\_\_\_ line *Acts 17:10-12 NKJV*

In \_\_\_\_\_ there are 4 levels of Hermeneutics

This process of interpretation is called \_\_\_\_\_

Level 1. Peshat: The plain \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture (Reading the Bible \_\_\_\_\_)

Level 2. Remez: Literally meaning "\_\_\_\_\_"

This is where we look for \_\_\_\_\_ in the Scriptures

Level 3. Darash: It means to \_\_\_\_\_

This is where we \_\_\_\_\_

Level 4: Sod (Sode): \_\_\_\_\_

This is the place of divine \_\_\_\_\_ *Ephesians 1:15-19 NKJV*

**OF ENGAGEMENT IN STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES**

\_\_\_\_\_ things are required to glean as much as we can from the Scriptures

1. Confession and \_\_\_\_\_ of any and all known sin
2. Diligence over \_\_\_\_\_
3. A willingness to \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of the Lord

**EMPOWERED HERMANUETICS**