

Part 2 – September 20, 2009

"Which Books Make Up the Bible?"

The Meaning of "Canon"

Old Testament Canon

The Jewish Canon

- Jewish understanding of Canon between Testaments
- The make-up of the Jewish Canon

The New Testament on the Old Testament Canon

- The N.T. assumes the legitimacy of the "Scriptures" that were being taught to Jewish children.

2 Timothy 3:14-15

John 10:35

- The three-part Jewish division of the O.T. was assumed by Jesus.

Luke 24:44

- The Jewish order of the closed Jewish canon is assumed by Jesus.

Luke 11:49-51

2 Chronicles 24:20-21

New Testament Canon

- The New Testament assumed the existence of canonical Scriptures. The concept was not foreign to them or added later.

Luke 24:27

John 5:39

Acts 17:2

Romans 15:4

- Jesus was recognized by the early church as having authority equal to and beyond the Old Testament Scriptures.

Matthew 7:29

Matthew 5:38-39

Mark 13:31

John 14:6

- Authorized Apostles & inspiration

Luke 6:13-16

Acts 1:26

John 14:24-26

John 16:12-14

- Complete body of truth about faith – unrepeatable foundation

Jude 3

Ephesians 2:19-20

2 Corinthians 13:3

1 Corinthians 14:37

1 Corinthians 2:12-13

- Peter: "Paul's writings are Scripture"

2 Peter 3:16

Next Week: *Some final thoughts on the New Testament Canon, then a discussion on how we know we have the very words written by the Biblical authors.*