

- Is the book _____?
- Is the book _____?
- Is the book _____?
- Do the contents of the book have the capacity to _____?
- Was the book _____, _____ and _____?

C. The Canon of the New Testament developed relatively _____

CONCLUSION

And that is why Northeast is church that is committed to the words of the Bible!

- We believe the _____ is literally God's _____
- We bow to its _____ and _____
- We _____ to lead our church according to its _____



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The Canon
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INTRODUCTION

In the Greek language, the word canon means: _____

"An officially accepted list of books that meet the standards, or measure up to a certain criteria which allow them to be accepted into the Bible as the word of God."

What was the process by which the 66 books of the Bible were recognized as books inspired by, breathed by God?

1. The Old Testament

A. The _____ of the Old Testament

- Our present day Old Testament is organized like this:

- The _____ – 5 books
- The books of _____ – 12 books
- _____ – 5 books
- _____ Prophets – 5 books
- _____ Prophets – 12 books

- The Old Testament of Jesus' day was divided up just a little bit differently – It all fell into three sections and consisted of 24 books.



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- The _____ (Torah)
- The _____ (Nebhim)
- The _____ (Kethubhim)

• We know the Canon of Old Testament books was _____ in the time of _____

- Matthew 21:42
- Matthew 22:29
- Luke 24:25-26
- John 2:22; **5:39**; 10:35
- Acts 17:2, 11; 18:28
- Romans 1:2; 4:3; 9:17; 10:11; 11:2; 15:4; 16:26
- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
- Galatians 3:8, 22; 4:30
- 1 Timothy 5:18
- 2 Peter 1:20-21; 3:16
- Matthew 23:34-36

B. How did the Old Testament Canon come to be?

- 1) God took the first step in Canonization when He _____ the writings
- 2) Then came _____ by the people of God.

- Exodus 24:4
- Deuteronomy 31:24-26
- Joshua 24:25-26
- 1 Samuel 10:25
- 2 Kings 23:24
- Daniel 9:2,13

The period between the Old Testament and the New Testament is often referred to as the "400 _____"

2. The New Testament

A. Reasons for the _____ of the New Testament Canon

- 1) It became _____ for there to be a written _____ from Christ through the birth of the church
- 2) 2 Timothy 3:16-17 tells us that Scripture is _____ for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness

1 Thessalonians 5:27

- 3) Scripture itself _____ Christians to _____ the word of God with other Christians

Colossians 4:16

- 4) There was a need to get the _____

- 5) There was a tremendous amount of _____ pressure

B. The _____ for New Testament canonicity