

## **HOW DO I KNOW THE BIBLE IS TRUE**

### **Session Four:**

#### **WHAT EVIDENCE DO WE HAVE THAT THE BIBLE IS TRUE?**

6.) Look at the \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible has on someone who embraces its teaching.

#### **HOW WAS IT DETERMINED WHAT BOOKS WOULD BE IN THE BIBLE?**

##### **- Important to Note -**

- The books of the Bible were inspired when they were written.
- Man did not decide what books should be inspired.
- Man confirmed what books were inspired by God.

##### **- Old Testament:**

- The 39 books were already accepted as inspired by the time of Jesus.
- Every O.T. book is quoted in the N.T. except the book of Esther, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon
- Quoted approx. 250 times
- Jesus quoted the O.T. and taught the O.T. as we have it

*Luke 24:44; Luke 11:51*

##### **- New Testament:**

- In A.D. 397 the “Council of Carthage” was held in the city of Carthage in northern Africa.
- At this council the 27 books of the N.T., that we have today, were confirmed or accepted as the N.T. canon.
- These were religious leaders who met together and part of what they discussed was the canonization of Scripture.

- There were 4 major tests that were applied as they decided which book met the criteria.

- 1.) Was the book written by an apostle or a close associate of an apostle?
- 2.) Was the book widely accepted and used in the churches? (Was it accepted by the church?)
- 3.) Was the subject matter consistent with other known scripture?
- 4.) Did the book bear evidence of being inspired? (Did the writings reflect that someone greater than man was writing?)