

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?)