

THE CANON OF SCRIPTURE

Questions:

1. Which books belong to Scripture?
2. Are there inspired books not included in the Bible?
(Num. 2:14; Josh. 10:13; II Sam. 1:18; I Kings 4:22-23; 14:19-20; 15:7; II Chron. 9:29; 12:15; 29:29; Col. 4:16)
3. Are there prophetic and divine utterances not included?
(Jn. 20:30-31; 21:25; Jude 14)
4. How do we know which books belong to Scripture?
5. How do we know the Apocryphal books do not belong?

Creedal References:

Belgic Confession, Articles 4-6

Westminster Confession, I, 2-3

For further reading:

Turretin, **Institutes**, Second Topic, VII, VIII

Warfield, **The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible**,
Appendix I

THE PRESERVATION OF SCRIPTURE

Questions:

1. Can it be proved from Scripture that Scripture has been providentially preserved in every age?
2. What is the difference between providential preservation and inspiration?
3. How does the preservation of Scripture relate to the whole matter of the accuracy of the text of Scripture? Can we be certain on this basis that we have an accurate text?

Creedal References:

Westminster Confession of Faith, I, 8

For further reading:

Turretin, **Institutes**, Second Topic, VII, X

TRANSLATIONS OF SCRIPTURE

1. Why are versions necessary?
2. What are the qualities a version must have in order to be a good, usable Bible?
3. How would you defend the Authorised Version against the various modern versions?
4. Is the Authorised Version perfect?
5. When we have a translation, how can we say that we have Scripture itself the inspired and infallible Word of God?

Creedal references:

Westminster Confession of Faith, I, 8

For further reading:

Modern Bible Versions by David Engelsma

The King James Version by Steven Houck

Turretin, Institutes, Second Topic, XI-XV

VERSIONS

1. Are the following good versions of Scripture (why or why not)?
 - a. The Living Bible.
 - b. The New International Version.
 - c. The New King James Version.
 - d. The American Standard Version.
2. What is the difference between a translation and a paraphrase?
3. Why do so many consider the Authorised Version to be the best of all the different versions available to us?
4. Does the fact that a version is inferior make it completely useless?
5. What is the danger of the proliferation of versions as far as the study and use of Scripture is concerned?

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