

Lesson
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God's Word Is Complete

All of God's written Word is complete.

Memory Verse

2 Timothy 3:16–17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

**Why are there exactly
27 books in the
New Testament?**

Review

Luke 24:27

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Review

Jeremiah 36:4

Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the Lord that he had spoken to him.

Review

2 Peter 1:20–21

20 Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.

21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

John 14:25–26

25 “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

A Common Thread

- ❖ After looking over all of these passages, what is the common thread that is woven throughout?
- ❖ How can this be combined with the truth from John 14:25–26 to make a powerful argument for the authority of the New Testament?

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John 21:24–25

24 This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

25 Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Revelation 22:18–19

18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book,

19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

Deuteronomy 4:2

You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you.

Deuteronomy 12:32

Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.

Proverbs 30:6

Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.

What Belongs in the Canon?

Standard #1: The book or letter must be written by an apostle or under the direction of an apostle.

Standard #2: The writings must speak with the voice of authority as the Word of God and not the words of men.

Standard #3: The writings must have been used from the earliest of times.

What Belongs in the Canon?

Standard #4: Most of the early churches should have accepted these writings as the New Testament canon.

Standard #5: The writings must conform to what the church taught.

God's Word in the Real World

It is commonly claimed that the Bible was compiled by the Council of Nicaea in AD 325 by influential people, especially the Roman Emperor Constantine.

How would you respond to such claims?

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How do we respond to claims that the New Testament was written hundreds of years after the lives of the apostles?

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How does what we have discussed today challenge ideas that you may have had about the New Testament?

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What about today's lesson gives you encouragement or assurance about your faith?

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What questions have been raised by this lesson?

What will you do (or what can I help you with) to answer these questions?