

“The Place and Purpose of the Bible”

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Introduction:

- A. Any copy of the _____ has more value than a pile of _____.
- B. We want to hold no other _____, nor practice any other _____ than that which the NT church believed or practiced as found in the Bible.

I. How and When was the Canon of the Bible put together?

- A. It was _____ who decided what books belonged in the biblical canon.
- B. Some scholars suggest the OT canon was fixed upon by _____ B.C., while others suggest a date as late as _____ A.D.
- C. The Muratorian Canon dated _____ A.D. included all the NT books, except Hebrews, James and 3 John.

II. What is Biblical Authority.

- A. Any approach to the subject of biblical authority must begin with _____.
- B. God is His own _____.
- C. Jesus' authority is exercised over the _____ as the head of the _____.
- D. Jesus' authority is expressed through His personal ambassadors, the _____.
- E. Human beings are commanded to _____ God by not straying from His commands and by not changing the _____ of God (Eccl. 12:13; Dt. 5:32; 12:32; Rev. 22:18-19).

III. How Do We Know the Bible is the Word of God?

- A. _____ Evidence
 - 1. Its claim of _____ origin.
 - 2. The _____ of the Bible.
 - 3. The fulfilled _____ of the Bible.
- B. _____ Evidence
 - 1. The Bible's _____.
 - 2. The Bible's _____.
 - 3. The Bible's _____ and _____ accuracy.
 - 4. The dynamic _____ of the Bible.

Conclusion:

- A. The profoundly simple message of the entire Bible is: _____.

Answer Key: Intro.A. Bible, money. B. belief, rite. I.A. God. I.B. 140, 250. I.C. 170. II.A. God, Himself. II.B. authority. II.C. church, church. II.D. apostles. II.E. obey, Word. III.A. Internal. III.A.1. divine. III.A.2. unity. III.A.3. prophesy. III.B. External. III.B.1. Indestructibility. III.B.2. Reliability. III.B.3. Historical, Archaeological. III.B.4. Impact. Concl.A. God, loves, you.