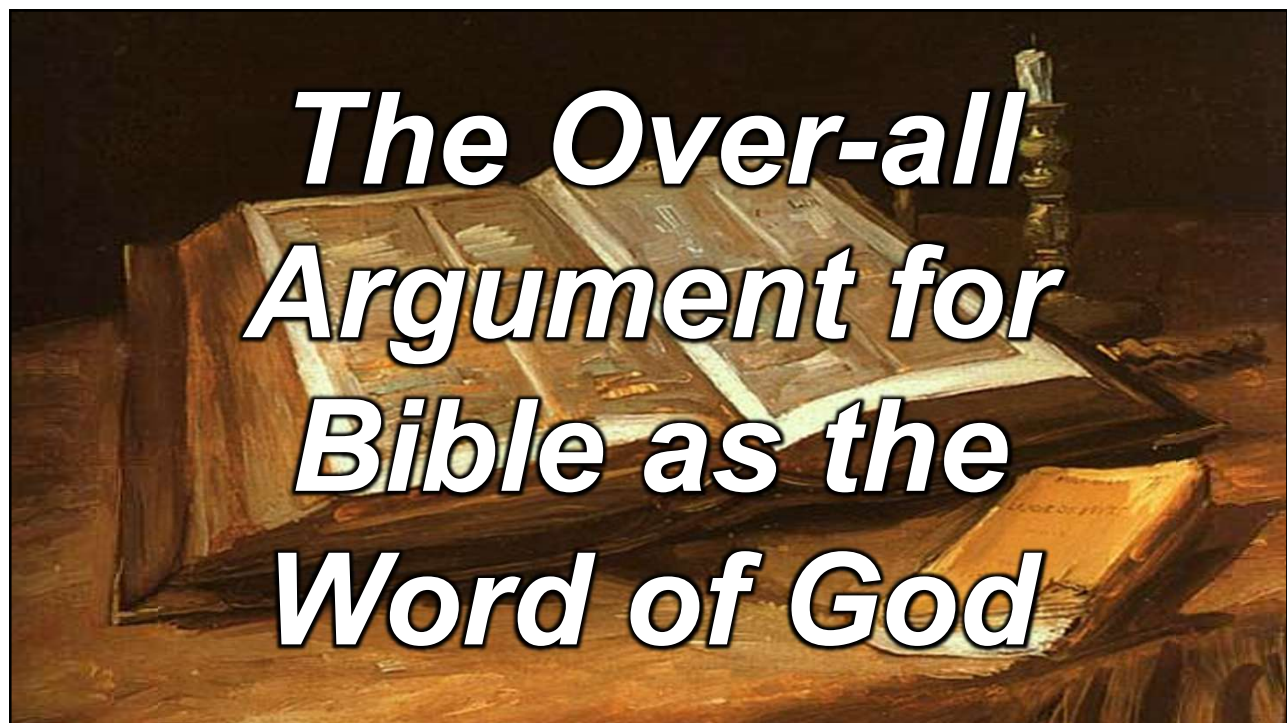
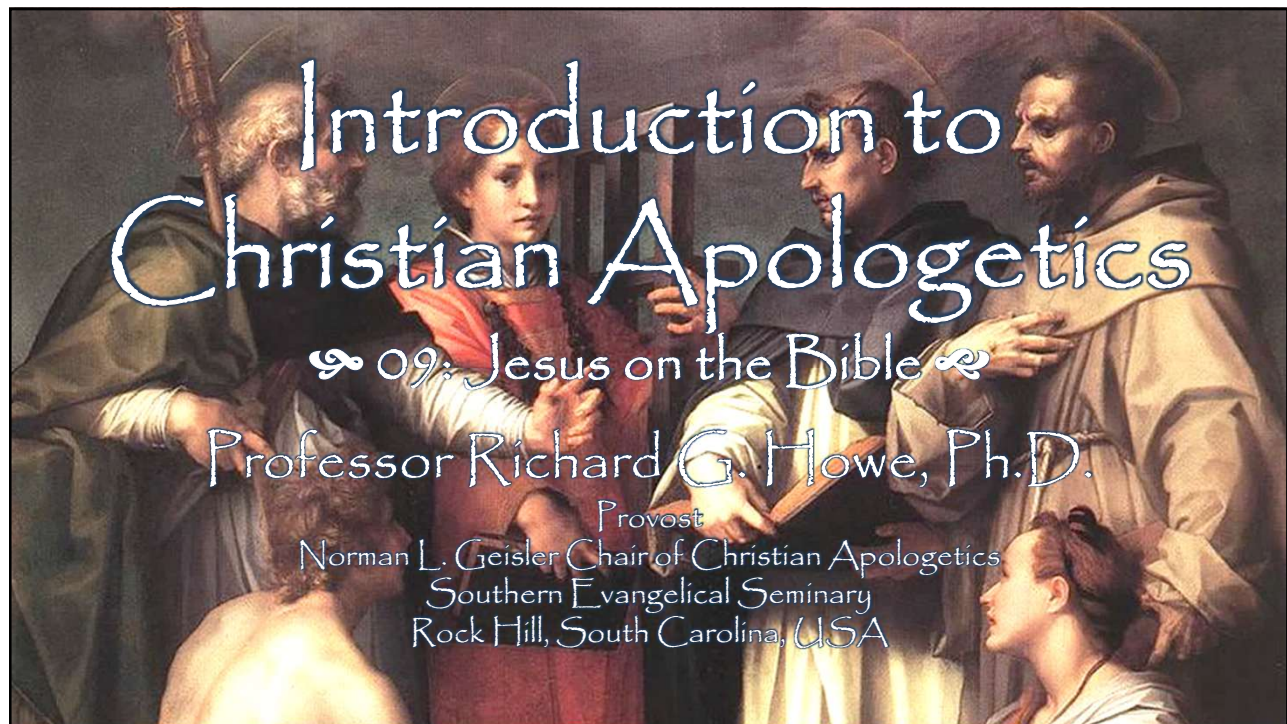




1. *The Bible is a basically reliable and trustworthy document of history.*

Historicity of the Bible

2. *On the basis of this, we have sufficient evidence to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*

Who Is Jesus?

3. *Jesus Christ teaches that the Bible is the Word of God.*

The Inspiration and Inerrancy of the Bible

4. *Therefore, the Bible is the Word of God and Christianity is true.*

The Truth of Christianity

Jesus Christ teaches that the Bible is the Word of God.

The Inspiration and Inerrancy of the Bible

The Nature of God



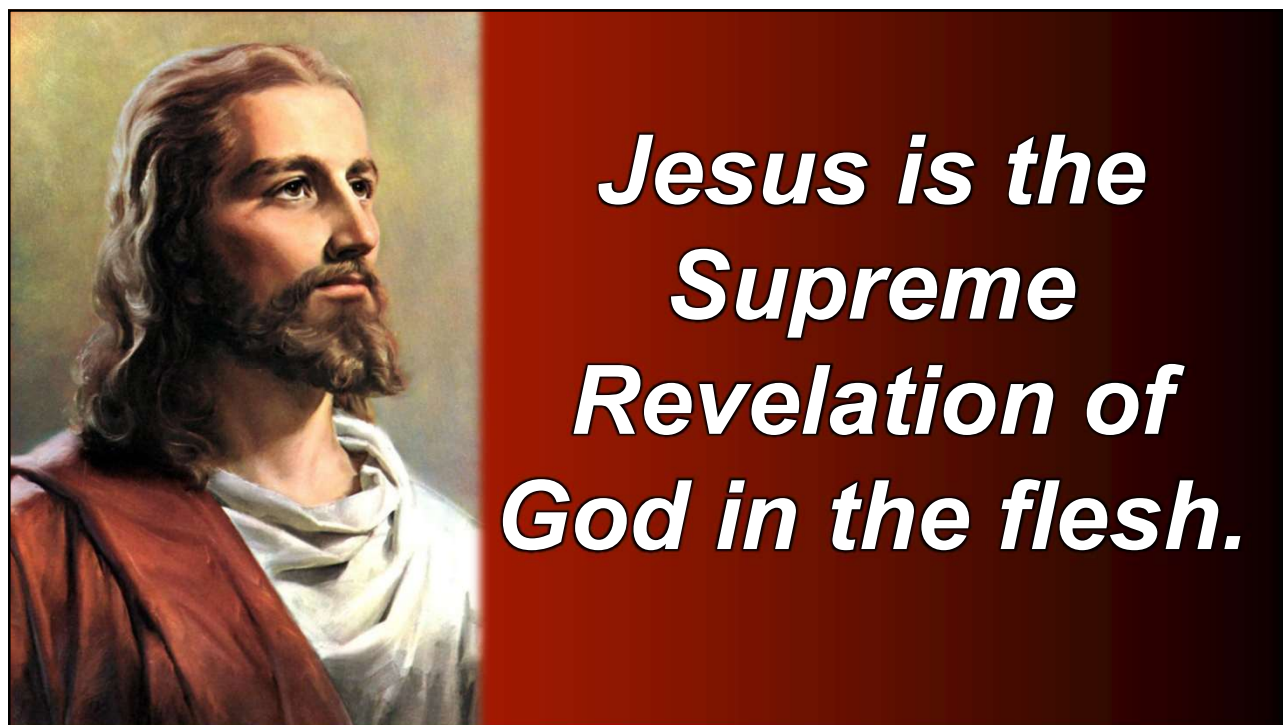
The Nature of Inspiration



The Nature of Scripture



Inerrancy



Deut. 18:18

"I will raise up for them a Prophet like you [Moses] from among their brethren, and will put my words in His mouth and He shall speak to them all that I command Him."

Deut. 34:10

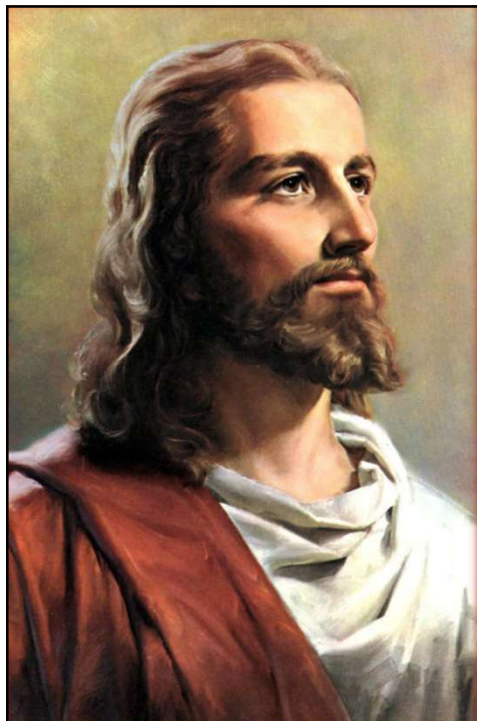
*"But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew **face to face**."*

John 1:1

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was **with** God, and the Word was God."*

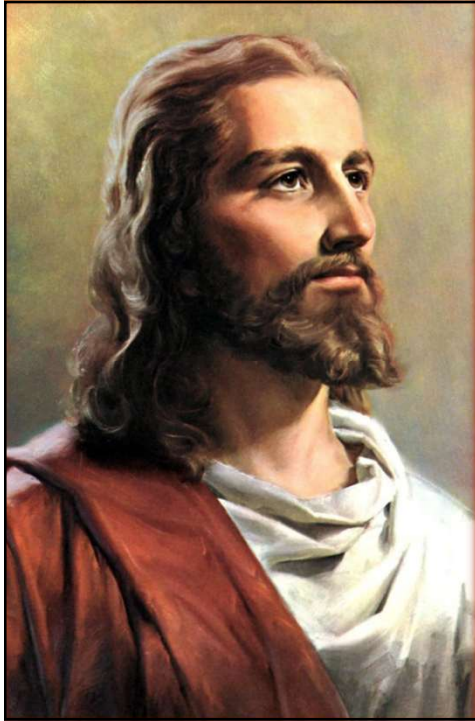
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πρὸς (pros).

The Greek word for 'face' is
πρόσωπον (prosōpon).

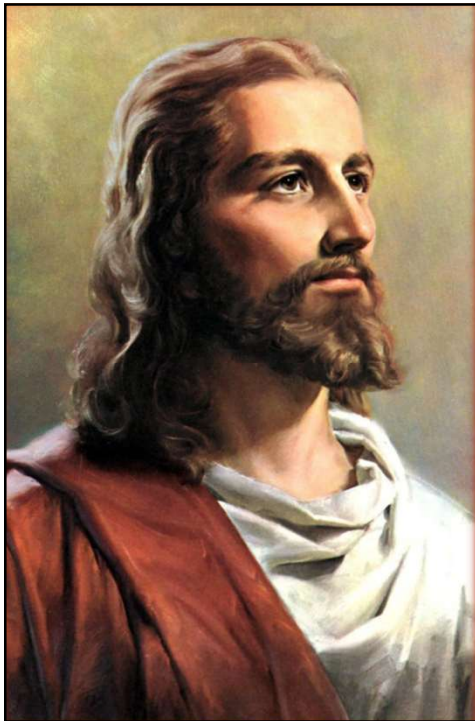


✧ Hebrews 1:1-2 ✧

"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, {2} has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds."

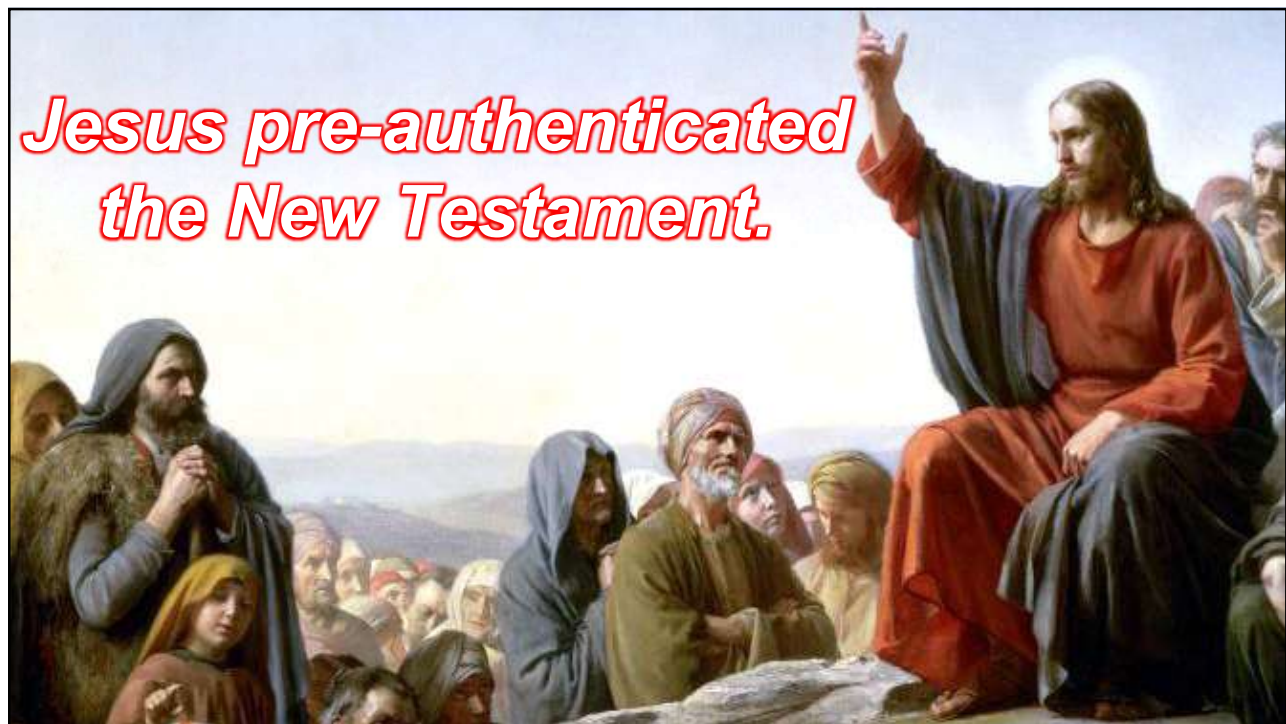


**The household of
God is built on the
foundation of Jesus
and His apostles.**



✧ Eph. 2:19-20 ✧

***"Now, therefore, you are no longer
strangers and foreigners, but fellow
citizens with the saints and members
of the household of God, {20} having
been built on the foundation of the
apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ
Himself being the chief cornerstone,
foundation"***



John 14:25-26: *"These things I have spoken to you while being present 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 things that I said to you.*

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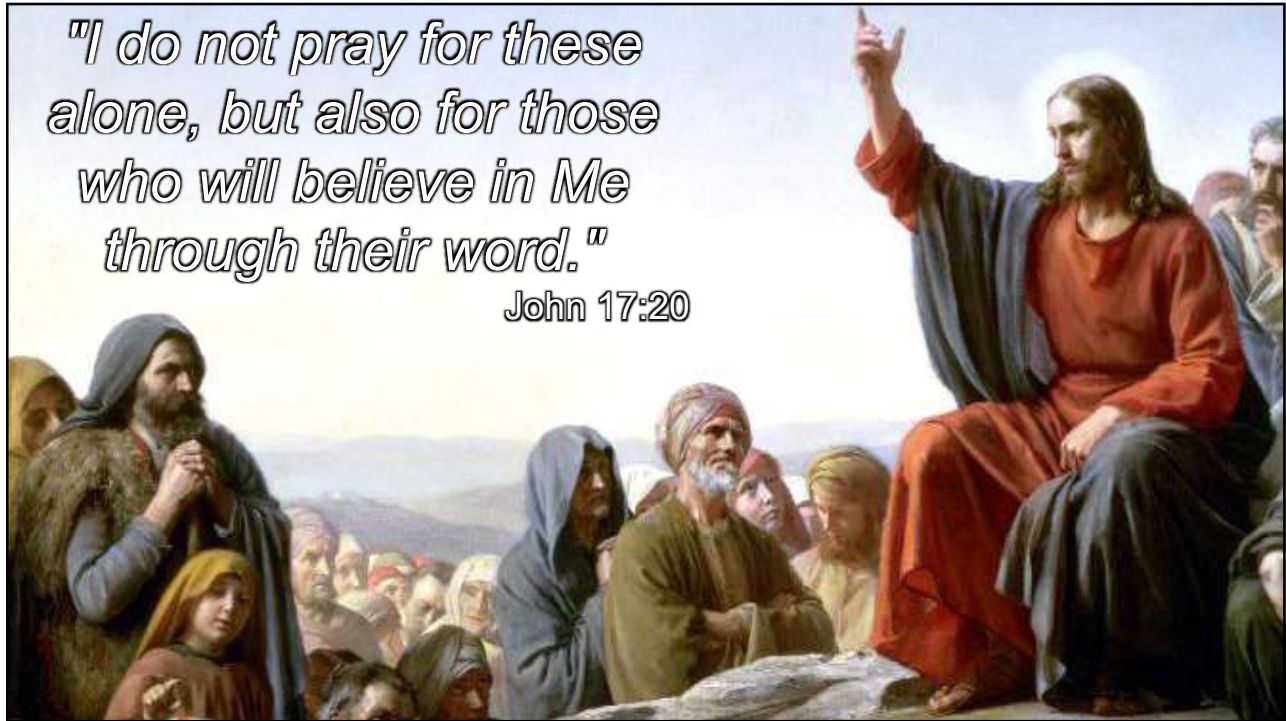
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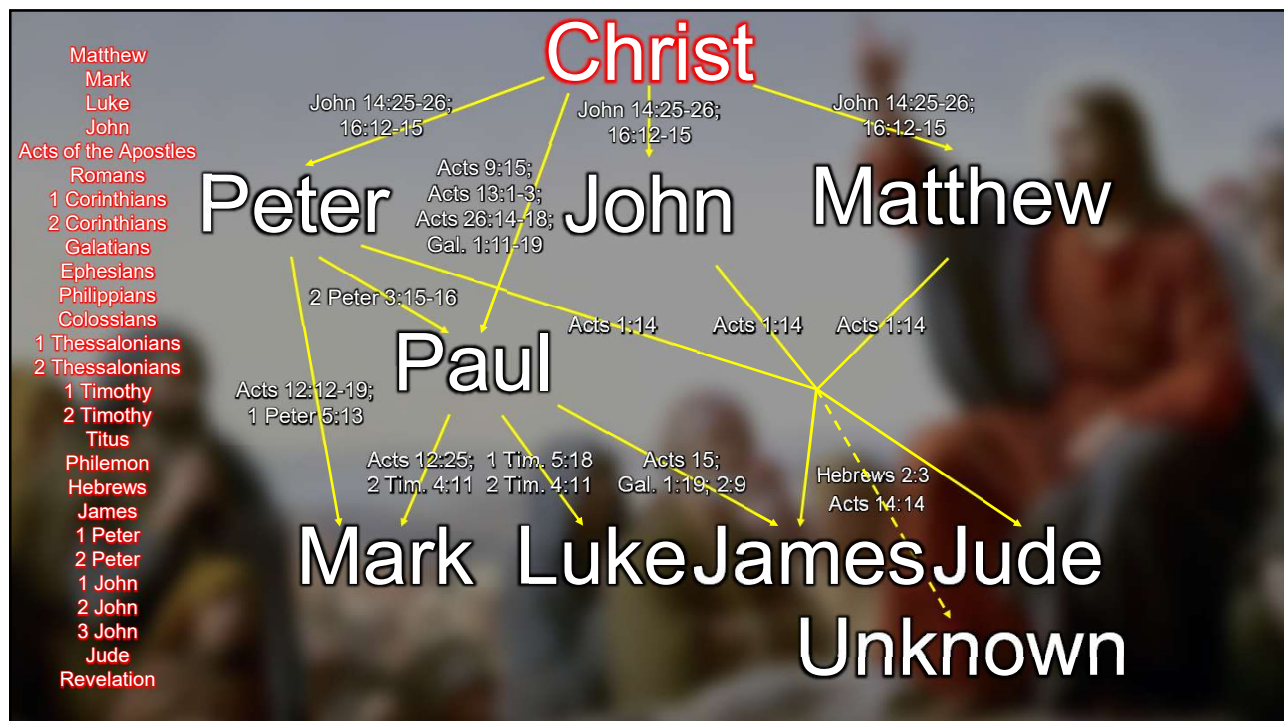
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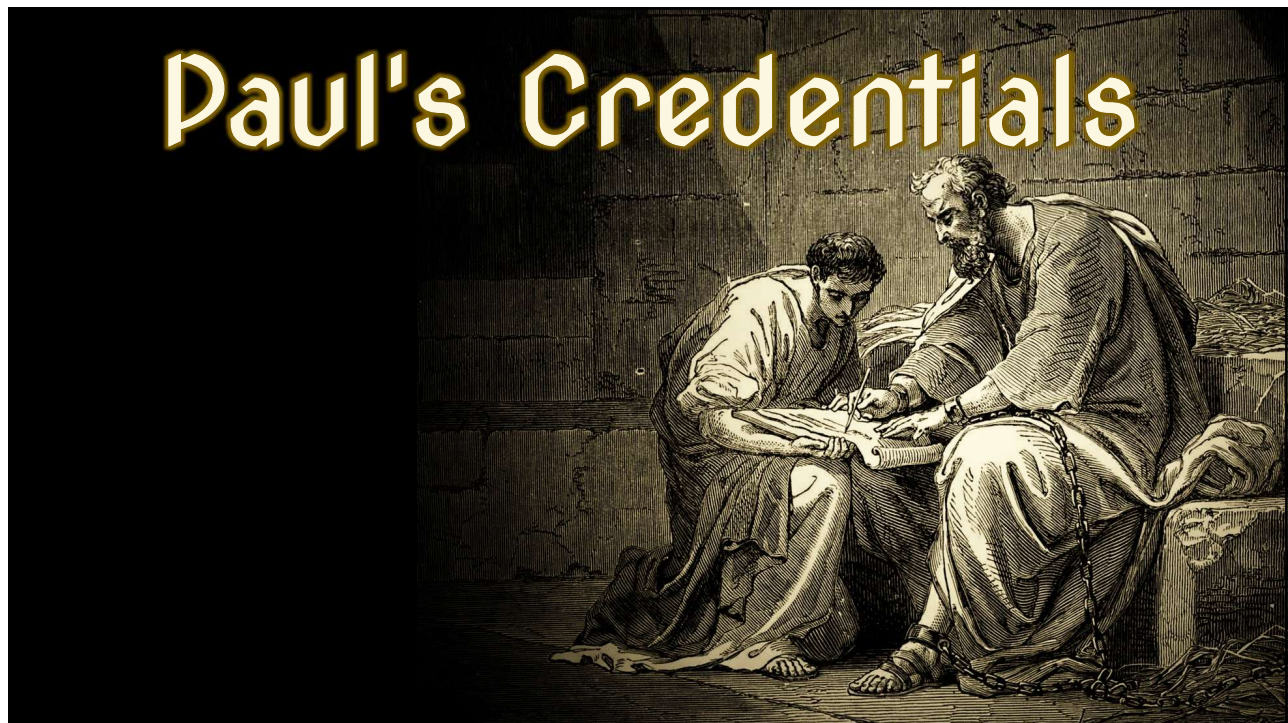
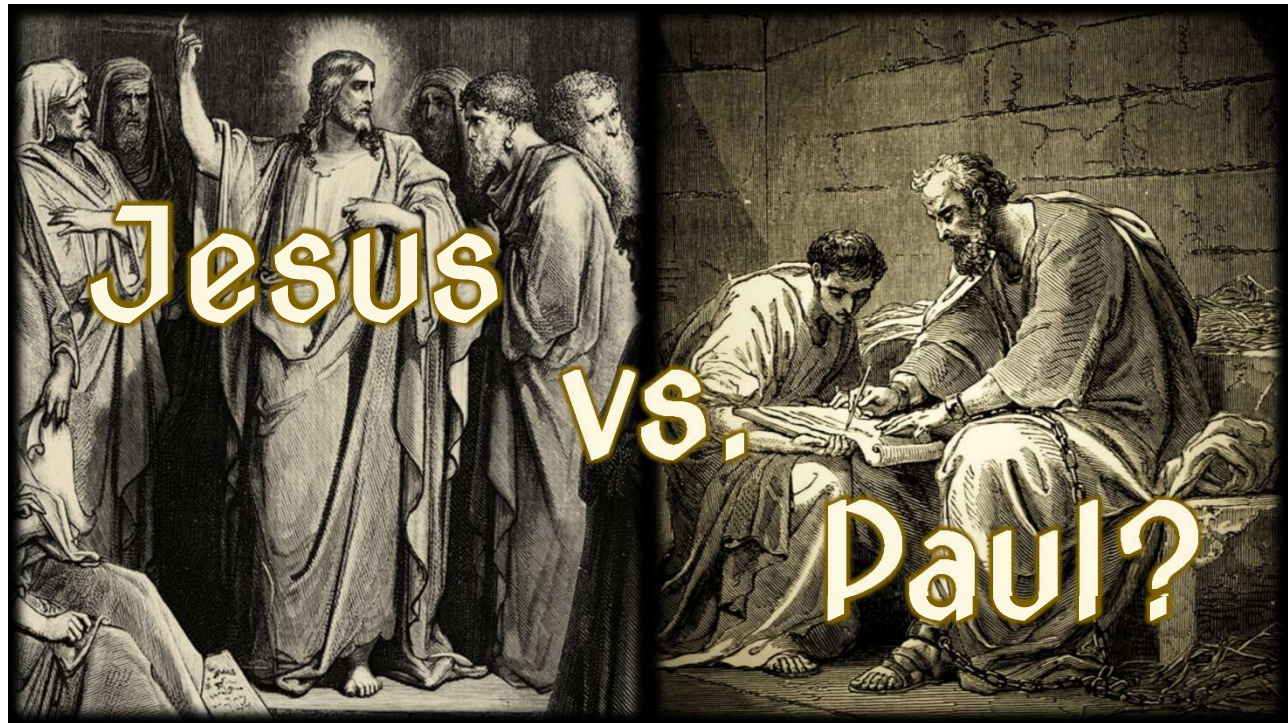


Three Divisions of the New Testament



Historical	"... bring to your remembrance ..." John 14:26 Matthew - Acts
Teaching	"... teach you all things ..." John 14:26 Romans - Jude
Prophecy	"... tell you things to come ..." John 16:13 Revelation





- ✓ Barnabas presented Saul (Paul) to the apostles in Jerusalem, "declaring to them how he [Saul] had seen the Lord on the road." (Acts. 9:27)
- ✓ Barnabas, having been sent to Antioch by the Church at Jerusalem, sought Saul (Paul) in Tarsis and brought him to Antioch. (Acts 11:22-26)
- ✓ Paul and Barnabas are called apostles. (Acts 14:14)
- ✓ Paul, together with Barnabas and "certain others," were received by the church [in Jerusalem] and the apostles and elders, which included James and Peter. (Acts 15 :1-4)
- ✓ The apostles and elders were pleased to send men to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas regarding the troubling false teaching of the Judaizers. (Acts. 15:22)



- ✓ The apostles and elders in the Jerusalem church regarded Barnabas and Paul as "beloved." (Acts 15:25)
- ✓ Peter endorsed Silvanus (1 Pet. 5:12) and Silvanus accompanied Paul (2 Cor. 1:19; 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1)
- ✓ Peter's gospel in Acts is the same as Paul's. (Acts 4:8; 10:43; cf. Rom. 4:4-5)
- ✓ Paul's gospel of salvation by faith (Rom. 4:4-5) is exactly how Abraham was saved. (Gen. 15:6)
- ✓ Note that Peter warns of the false teachers (2 Pet. 2:1-3). But not only did Peter not identify Paul as one of these false teachers, but he regarded his writings as Scripture. (2 Peter 3:16)
- ✓ Regarding the critics today, I would much rather take Peter's assessment of Paul than theirs.



Paul's Knowledge of Jesus



- ✓ *Jesus' name is mentioned throughout his letters (1 Thess. 1:1 et al.).*
- ✓ *Jesus was born of a Jewish woman and was therefore a Jew himself (Galatians 4:4) from the lineage of king David (Rom 1:3).*
- ✓ *John the Baptist preached of Jesus' coming. (Acts 13:24-25)*
- ✓ *Jesus' earthly mission focused exclusively on the Jewish people (Rom. 15:8).*
- ✓ *Jesus had several brothers (1 Cor. 9:5) one of whom was named James (Gal. 1:19).*
- ✓ *Jesus appointed a special group of Twelve apostles (1 Cor. 15:5) two of whom acquired special status as 'pillars', viz., Cephas/Peter and John. (Galatians 2:9)*



- ✓ Jesus was called 'the Christ' and 'Messiah'. (Rom. 9:3-5)
- ✓ Jesus granted his missionaries the right to material support from fellow believers (1 Cor. 9:14);
- ✓ Jesus taught on marriage (1 Cor. 7:10), summarized his "law" in terms of compassion (Gal. 6:2), and declared that He would return in glory. (1 Thess. 4:15)
- ✓ Jesus had a special last meal with his disciples which involved bread and wine. (1 Cor. 11:23-25)



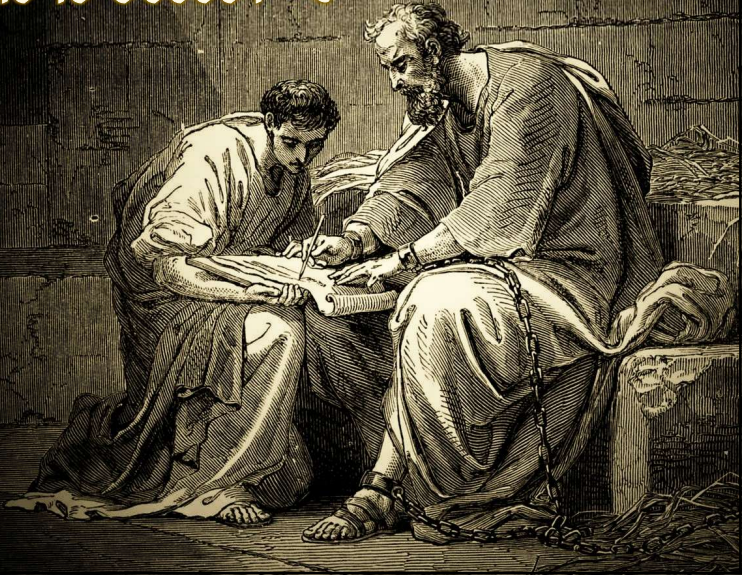
- ✓ Jesus was betrayed by one of his companions on the night of the Last Supper. (1 Cor. 11:23)
- ✓ Jesus was executed by crucifixion (Phil. 2:8)
- ✓ Jesus was buried in a tomb rather than left to the elements as convicted criminals frequently were. (1 Cor. 15:4)
- ✓ Jesus was raised to life. (Rom, 1:4)
- ✓ The risen Jesus appeared to many, including Peter/Cephas, His brother James, and Paul himself (1 Cor. 15:5-6)



[modified from <https://undeceptions.com/history/5-minute-jesus-what-did-paul-really-know-about-the-life-of-jesus/>, accessed 06/14/26]

Paul's Theology as Jesus' Theology

Who Is Jesus?



Jesus

- ✓ Jesus taught that He was the Son of God. (Matt. 16:16; Matt. 26:63-64; Luke 22:70; John 5:19-29; 9:35-37; 10:35-36; 11:4)
- ✓ Jesus taught that He was the sacrifice for the sins of the world. (Matt. 18:11;
- ✓ Jesus taught that He has the power [ἐξουσία, exousia] to forgive sins. (Matt. 9:6)
- ✓ Jesus taught that all authority [ἐξουσία, exousia] in heaven and earth has been given to Him. (Matt. 28:18)

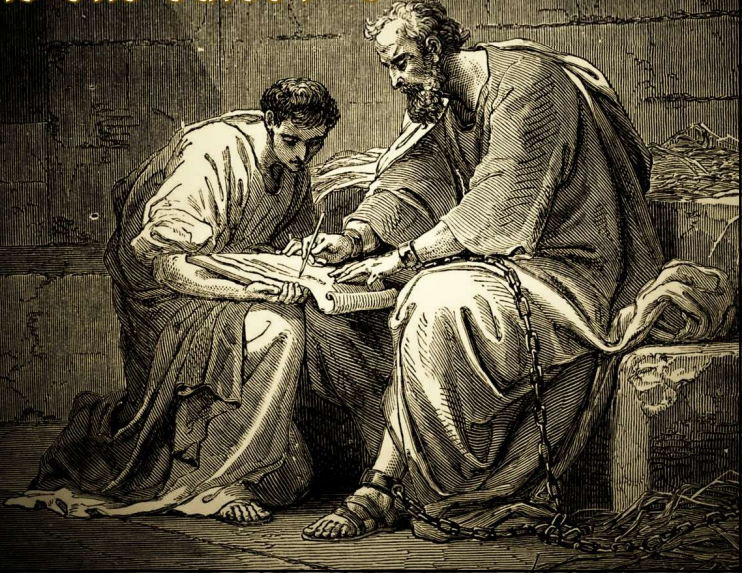
Paul

- ✓ Paul taught that Jesus is the Son of God. (Acts 9:20; Rom. 1:4; 2 Cor. 1:19; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 4:13)
- ✓ Paul taught that Jesus was a sacrifice to God. (Eph. 5:2; Gal. 1:3-4)
- ✓ Paul taught that in Jesus we have forgiveness of sins. (Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14)
- ✓ Paul taught that "every knee will bow" to Jesus. (Phil. 2:9-10)



Paul's Theology as Biblical Theology

☞ How Is One Saved? ☞



✓ In Gen. 2, God put Adam into a deep sleep meaning that Adam's good was supplied entirely by God's grace, showing that Adam had no part to play.

✓ This is the same as Paul's message of salvation by grace through faith apart from works. (Eph. 2:8-9, cf. Rom. 4:4-5)

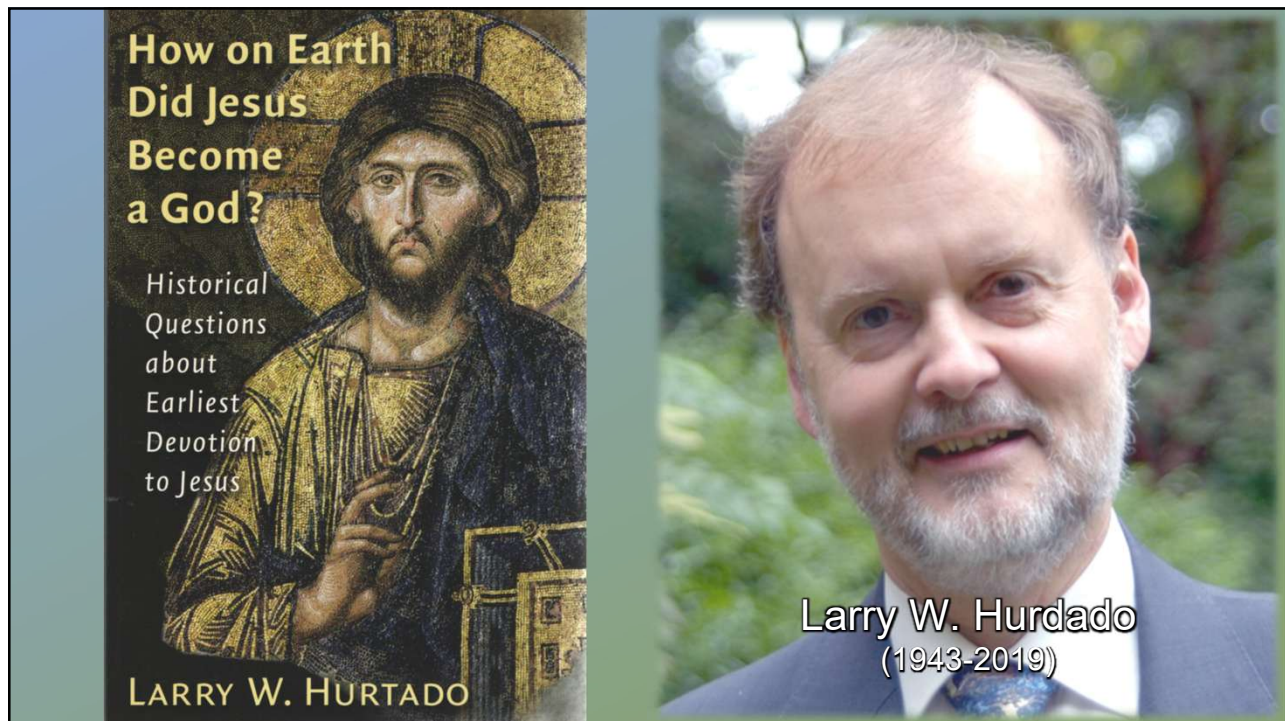
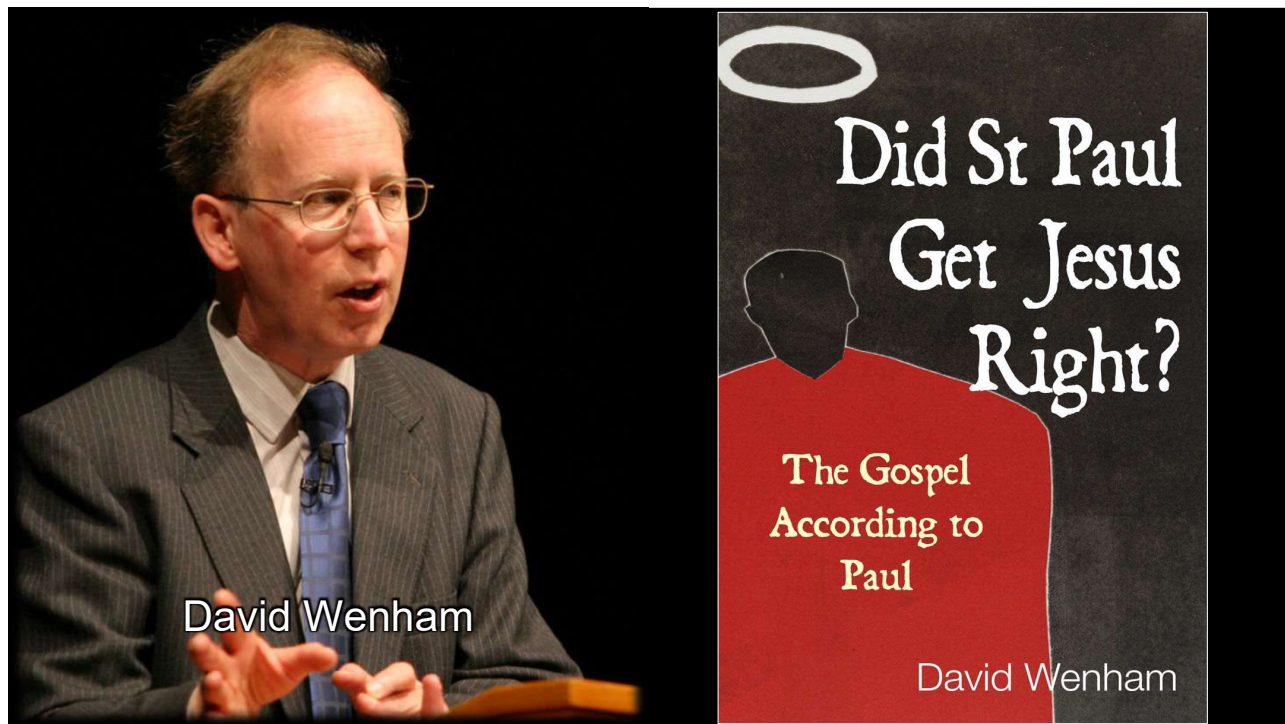
✓ In Gen. 15, God put Abram into a deep sleep to establish His unilateral covenant with him meaning that the covenant was established entirely by God's grace through faith apart from works.

✓ Again, this is the same as Paul's message of salvation by grace through faith apart from works. (Eph. 2:8-9, cf. Rom. 4:4-5)

✓ Jesus preached the message of free grace by faith (John 3:16; 6:28-29; Rev. 21:6; 22:17)

✓ Paul taught that salvation was by grace through faith apart from works. (Rom. 3:27; 4:4-5; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5)





"It is also important to note that after his conversion Paul never indicated that the devotional claims and practices that he affirms and reflects in his letters represent anything innovative from him. Indeed, he insists that in these matters he and other Jewish Christians of the Jerusalem church share a common faith and devotional patters (e.g., 1 Cor. 15:1-11).



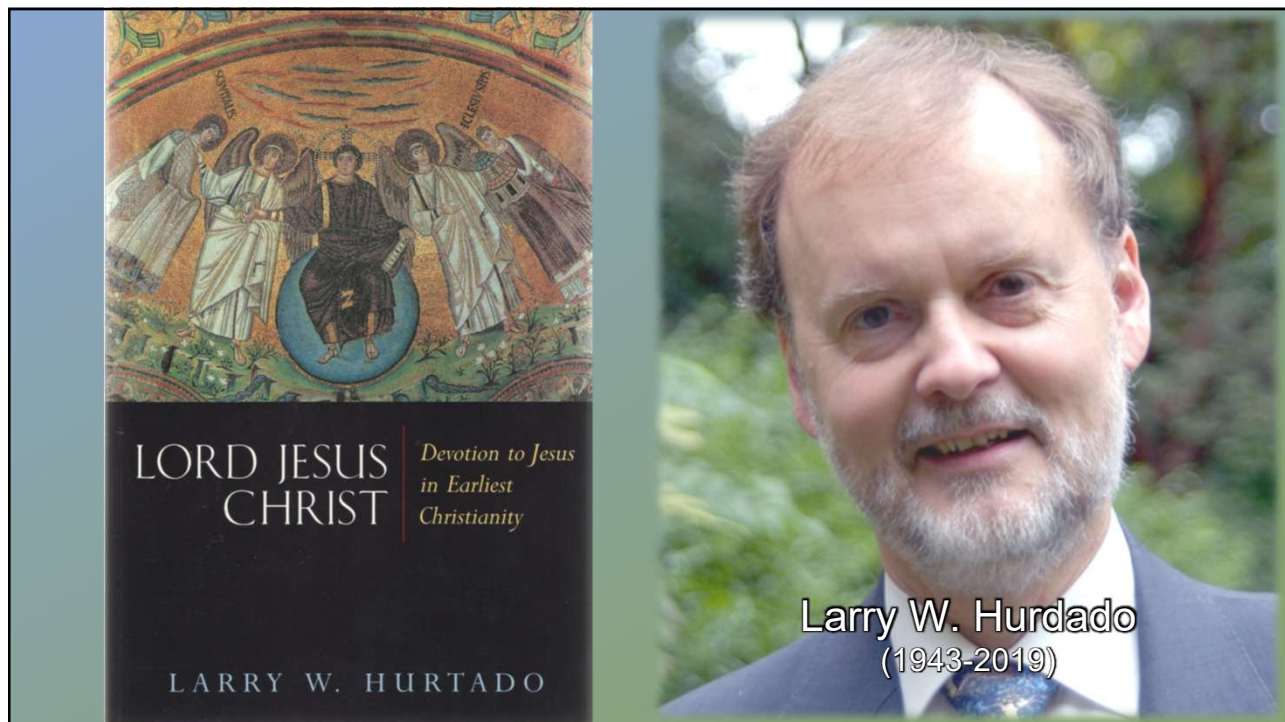
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"So there is really no basis for thinking either that Paul was particularly responsible for inventing the view that Jesus is to be revered as divine, or that this view of Jesus distinguished the churches that he established.

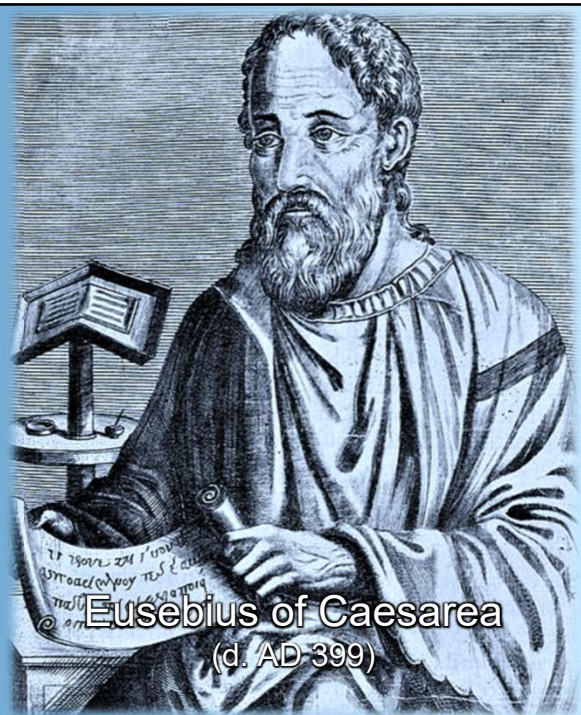
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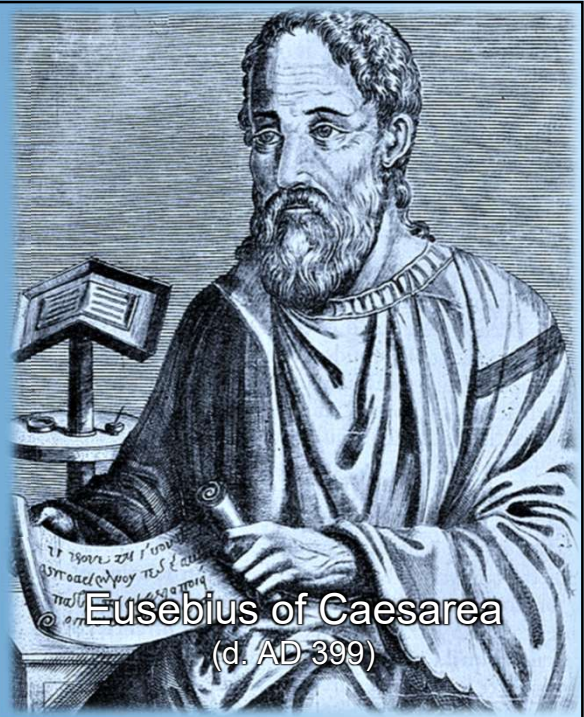


"And John the Presbyter also said this, Mark being the interpreter of Peter whatsoever he recorded he wrote with great accuracy but not however, in the order in which it was spoken or done by our Lord, for he neither heard nor followed our Lord, but as before said, he was in company with Peter, who gave him such instruction as was necessary,



"but not to give a history of our Lord's discourses; wherefore Mark has not erred in any thing, by writing some things as he has recorded them; for he was carefully attentive to one thing, not to pass by any thing that he heard, or to state any thing falsely in these accounts.

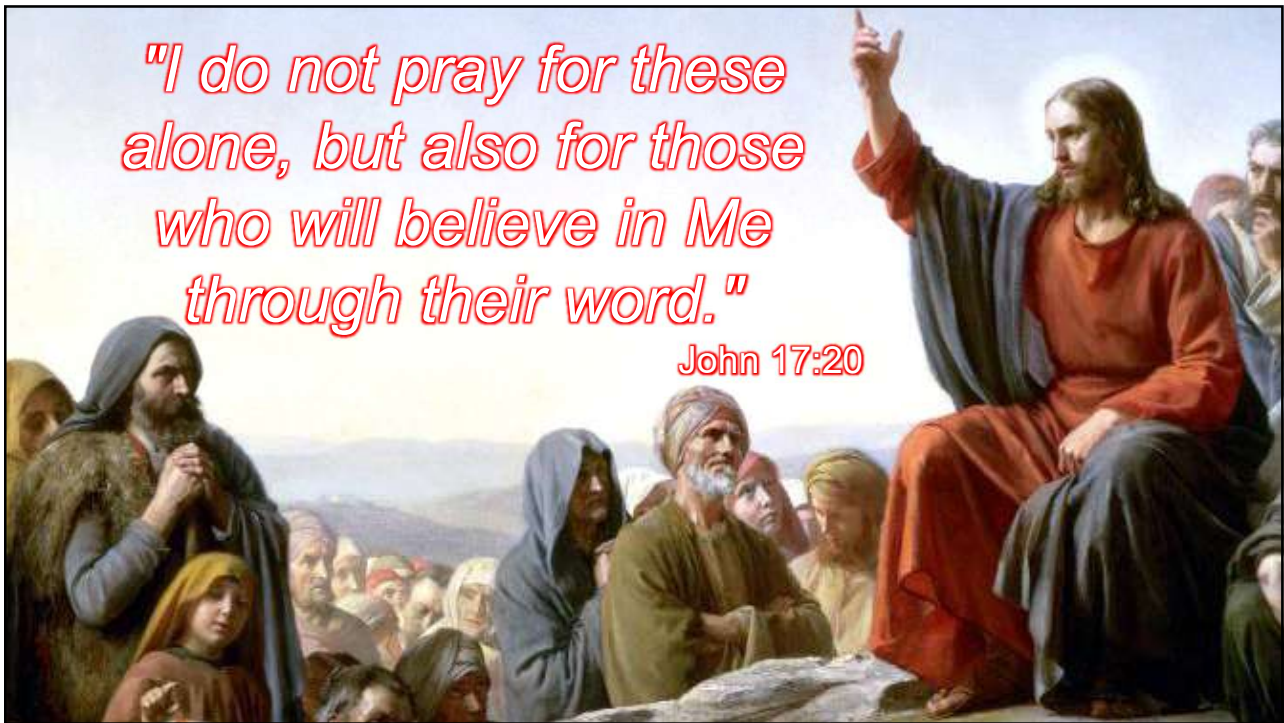
Eusebius, *Ecclesiastical History* Bk. III Ch. XXXIX.



Eusebius of Caesarea
(d. AD 399)

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word."

John 17:20



***"Most assuredly, I say to you,
he who receives whomever I
send receives Me; and he
who receives Me receives
Him who sent Me."***

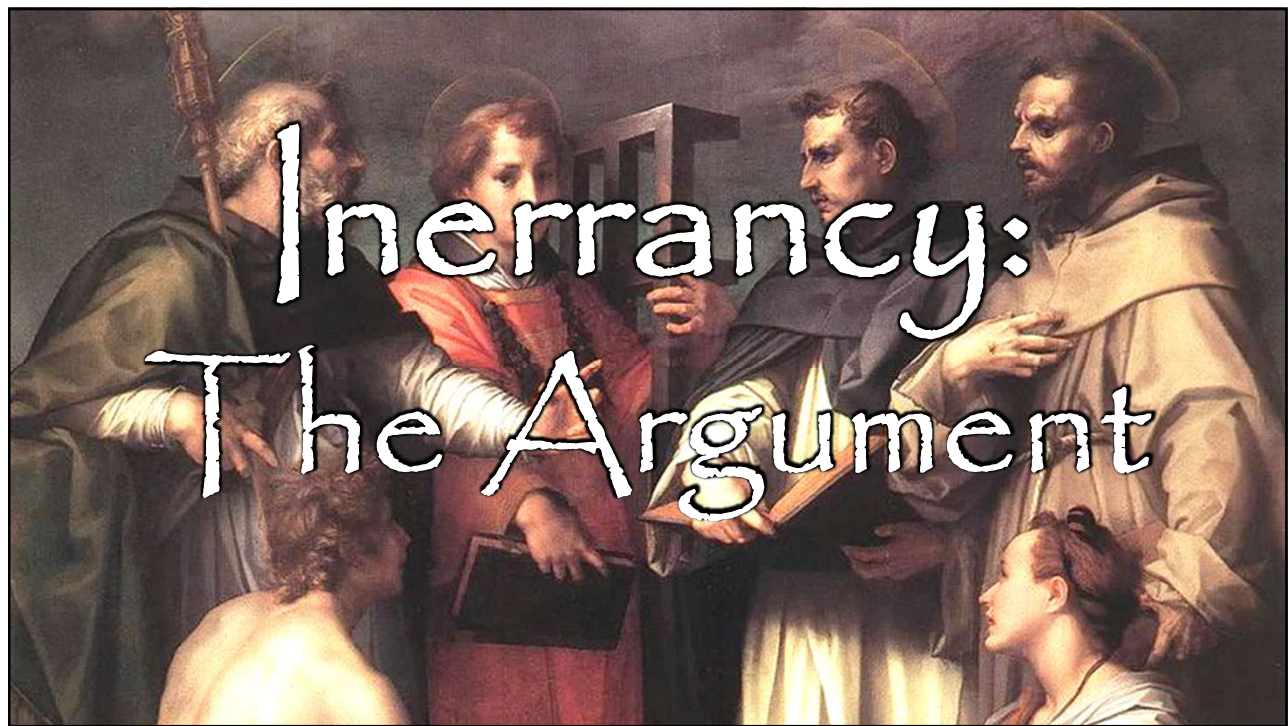
John 13:20

***Jesus Christ is "God manifested
in the flesh" (1 Tim. 3:16).***

***He is the culmination of God's
revelation of Himself to the world.***

***There can be no further this
side of the Second Coming.***

There is no more Special Revelation.



1. The Bible is inspired of God.

2. Because of the nature of God, inspiration entails inerrancy.

3. Therefore, the Bible is inerrant.



***The Bible is
inspired of God.***



**The Bible Claims
Its Inspiration.**



✧ 2 Timothy 3:16-17 ✧

***The Bible is
God-breathed.***

*All Scripture is **given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

**θεόπνευστος
(theopneustos)**

= God breathed

θεός + πνέω, πνεῦμα
(theos) (pneō, pneuma)

God

**I breathe, breath,
spirit, Spirit**

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DOCTRINE



SIN

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RIGHTEOUSNESS



SIN

❧ 2 Peter 1:20-21 ❧

Scripture comes by the moving of the Holy Spirit.

"... knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

✧ Gal 1:11-12 ✧

***Paul claimed direct
revelation from Jesus.***

*"But I make known to you, brethren, that
the gospel which was preached by me is not
according to man. For I neither received it
from man, nor was I taught it, **but it came
through the revelation of Jesus Christ.**"*

✧ 1 Thess. 2:13 ✧

***Paul recognized his own
teaching as the
word of God.***

*"For this reason we also thank God without
ceasing, because when you received the word
of God which you heard from us, you
welcomed it not as the word of men, **but as it
is in truth, the word of God**, which also
effectively works in you who believe."*

✧ 1 Cor. 14:37 ✧

***Paul recognized his own
writing as the
commandments of the Lord.***

*"If anyone thinks himself to be a
prophet or spiritual, let him
acknowledge that **the things which
I write to you are the
commandments of the Lord.**"*

✧ Titus 1:1-3 ✧

Paul recognized his own preaching as coming from God.

*"Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, but has in due time **manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior.**"*

✧ Acts 13:46 ✧

***Paul and Barnabas recognized
their own preaching as the
word of God.***

*"Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and
said, 'It was necessary that **the word of God**
should be spoken to you first; but since you
reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of
everlasting life, behold, we
turn to the Gentiles.'"*

✧ 2 Peter 3:15-16 ✧

Peter recognized Paul's writings as Scripture.

"and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures."

✧ 2 Peter 3:1-2 ✧

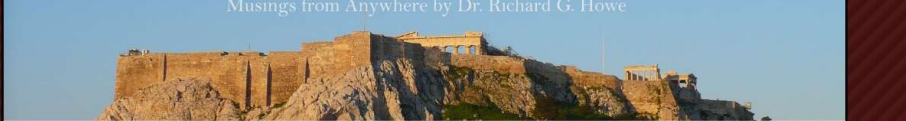
***Peter recognized himself
as an apostle.***

*"Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle
(in both of which I stir up your pure minds by
way of reminder), that you may be mindful of
the words which were spoken before by the holy
prophets, and of the commandment of us, the
apostles of the Lord and Savior."*

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Critical Thinking: So Often Ignored, It's a Sin: A Few Thoughts on Kurt Eichenwald's "The Bible-So Misunderstood, It's a Sin."

by quodlibetblog

There are already a number of substantive refutations of the *Newsweek* article "The Bible-So Misunderstood, It's a Sin" by Kurt Eichenwald (01.02.2015 – 01.09.2015), pp. 24-41. Indeed, Eichenwald's points were already deftly refuted even before he put pen to paper. But if one's sources are limited (either deliberately or through no fault of one's own), then perhaps it is not surprising that Eichenwald would make some of the mistaken observations he made. However, I thought I would weigh in on just a few points I have yet to see in other analyses. I have my brother, Tom Howe, to thank for some of these insights.

First, Eichenwald uses the hackneyed example of how certain ambiguities arise in English if one ignores the spaces between words. While it makes for a good joke, it does nothing to contribute to any substantive point about the Bible. His version is the difference in meaning between "We should go eat, mom" and "We should go eat mom." (Skeptics had already run the pseudo-point into the ground with their "God is now here" and "God is nowhere" quip which Eichenwald also mentions.) My favorite use of the ambiguity is the T-shirt that reads "Grammar saves lives" followed by "Let's eat, Grandma!" and "Let's eat

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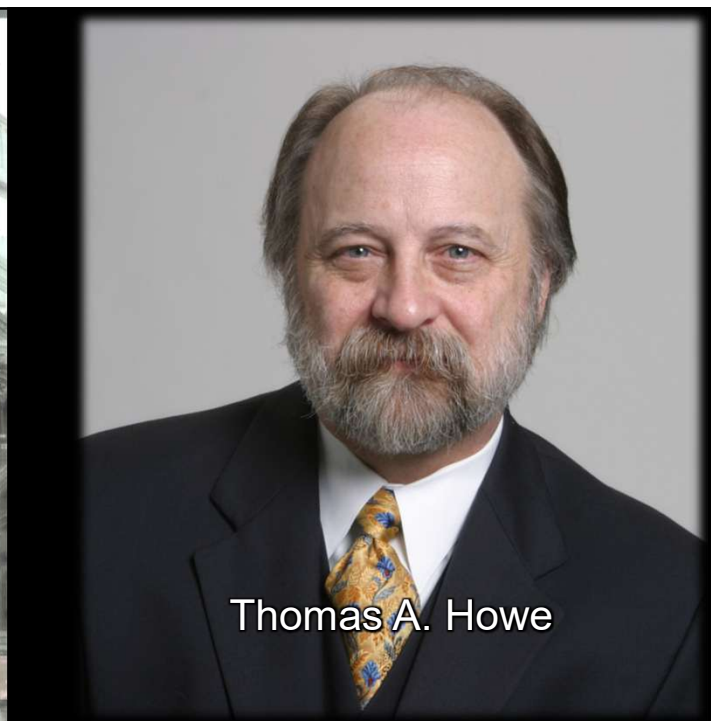
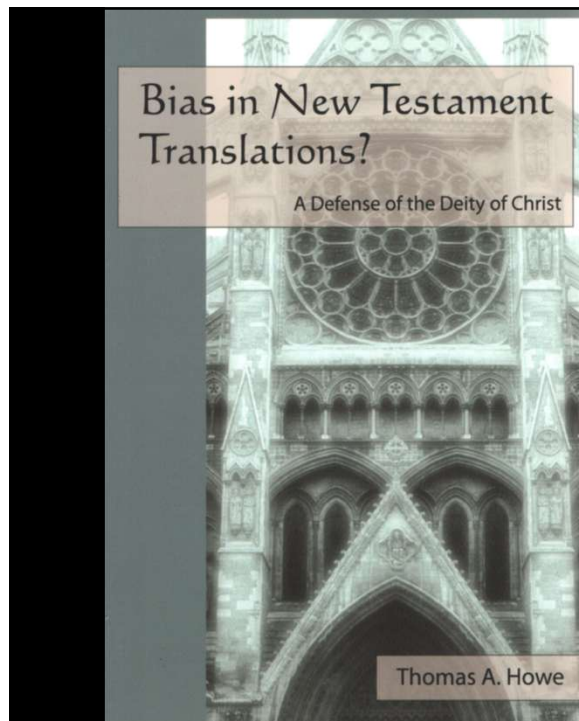
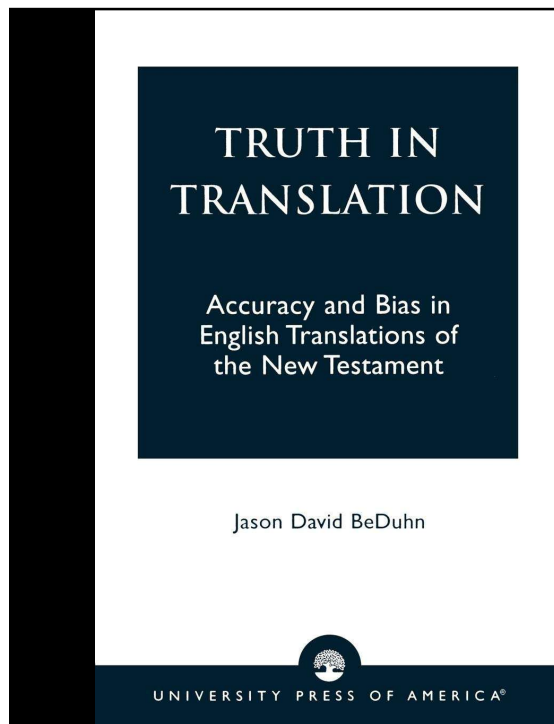
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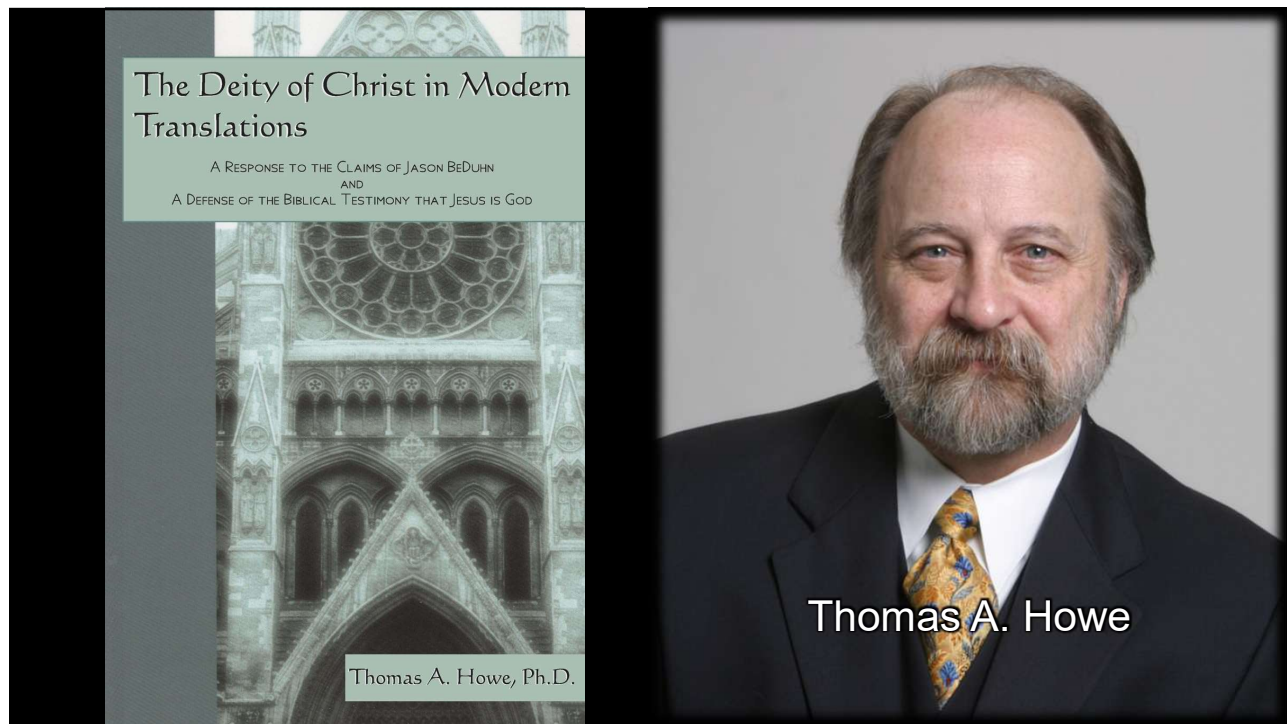
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**The Bible Implies
Its Inspiration.**

GOD SAYS	SCRIPTURE SAYS
☞ Genesis 12:3 ☞ <i>"Now the Lord said to Abram ... 'I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'"</i>	☞ Galatians 3:8 ☞ <i>"And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed.'"</i>

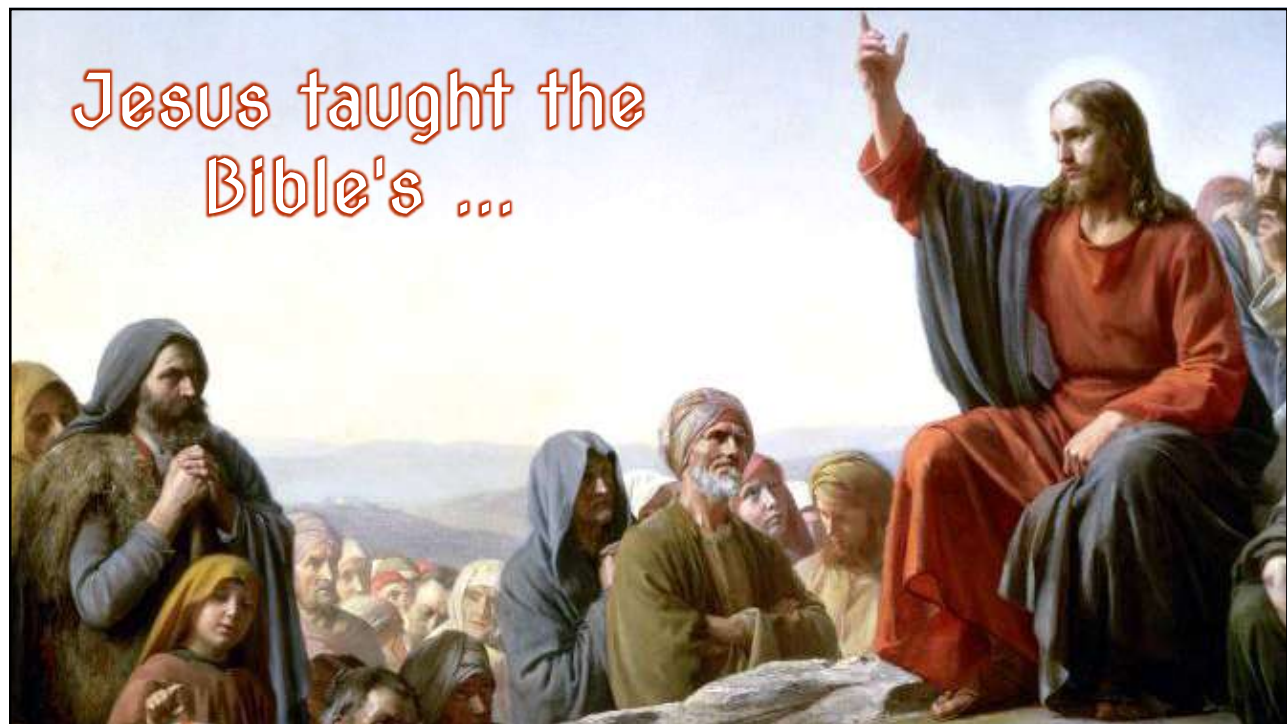
GOD SAYS	SCRIPTURE SAYS
☞ Exodus 9:13, 16 ☞ <i>"Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: ... 'But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.'"</i>	☞ Romans 9:17 ☞ <i>"For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, 'For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.'"</i>

SCRIPTURE SAYS	GOD SAYS
✧ Genesis 2:24 ✧ <i>"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."</i>	✧ Matthew 19:4, 5 ✧ <i>"He who made them at the beginning ... said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.'"</i>

SCRIPTURE SAYS	GOD SAYS
✧ Psalm 16:10 ✧ <i>"For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption."</i>	✧ Acts 13:33, 35 ✧ <i>"God ... also says in another Psalm: 'You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.'"</i>

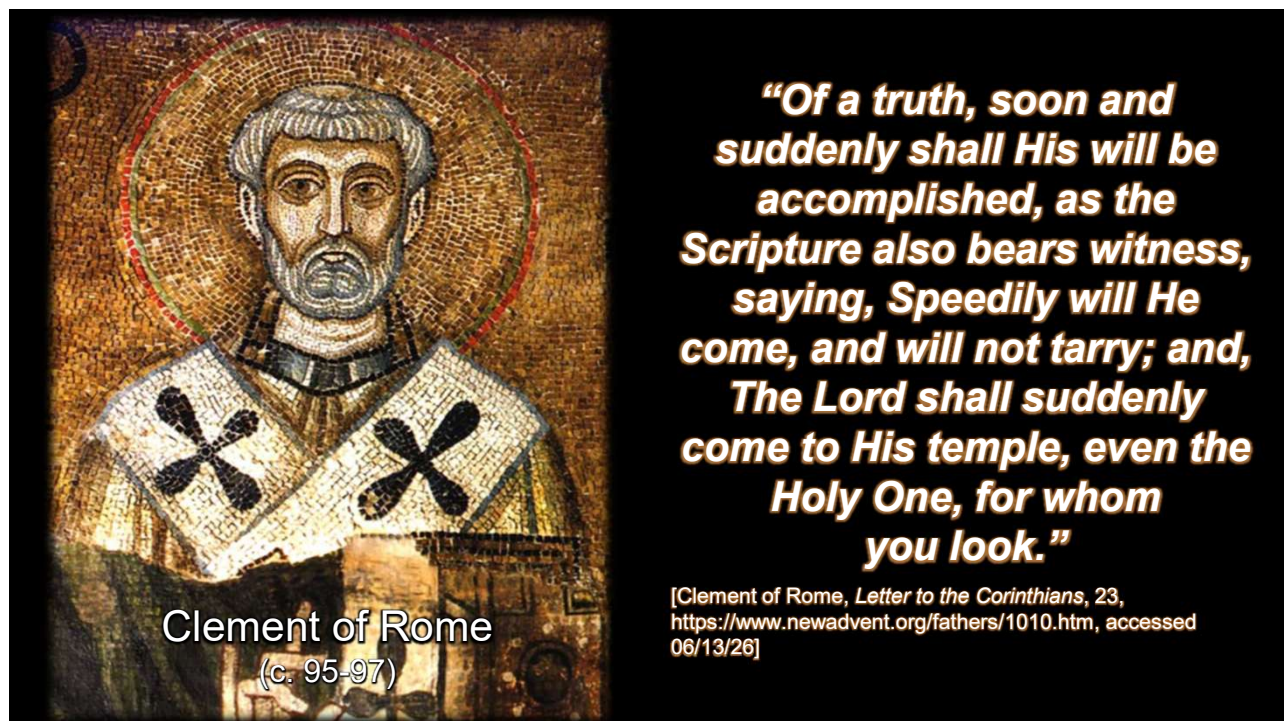
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**Jesus Taught the
Bible's Inspiration.**



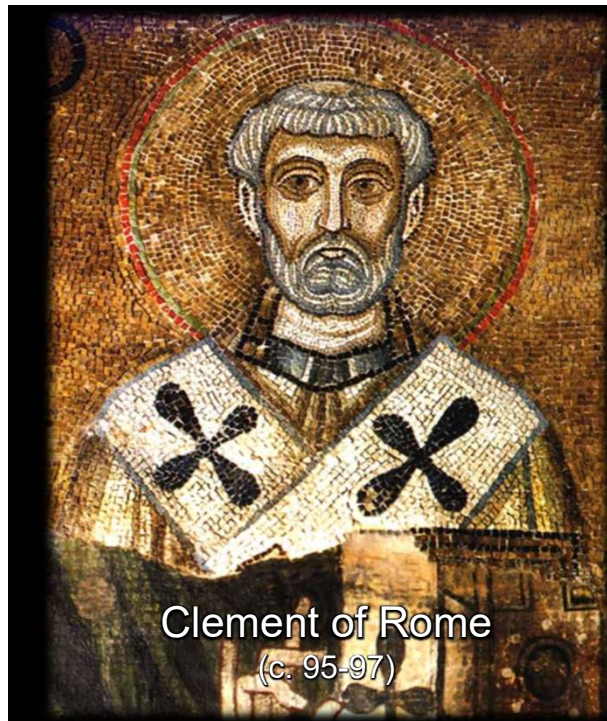
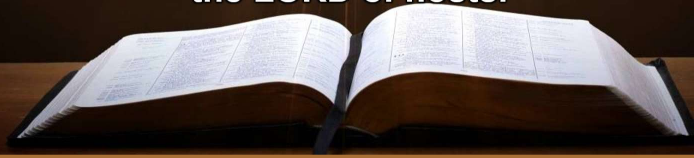
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God created Adam. Matthew 19:4	Adam evolved.	
Daniel the Prophet Matthew 24:15	Daniel the historian	
Jonah is literal. Matthew 24:39	Jonah is mythical.	
The world was flooded. Matthew 24:39	The world was not flooded.	
David wrote many Psalms. Matthew 22:43	David did not write these Psalms.	
One Isaiah Luke 4:17	More than one Isaiah (Isaiah 1-39; Isaiah 40-66)	
Moses wrote the Law. Luke 24:27	J, E, P, D Theory (Documentary Hypothesis)	

**The Church
Fathers taught the
Bible's Inspiration.**



✧ Malachi 3:1 ✧

“ ‘Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,’ Says the LORD of hosts.”



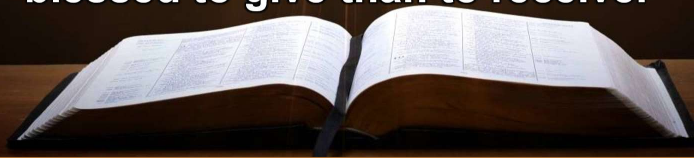
Clement of Rome
(c. 95-97)

Moreover, you were all distinguished by humility, and were in no respect puffed up with pride, but yielded obedience rather than extorted it, and were more willing to give than to receive.”

[Clement of Rome, *Letter to the Corinthians*, 2,
<https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/1010.htm>, accessed
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☞ Act 20:35 ☞

“I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”



Polycarp
(c. 110-135)

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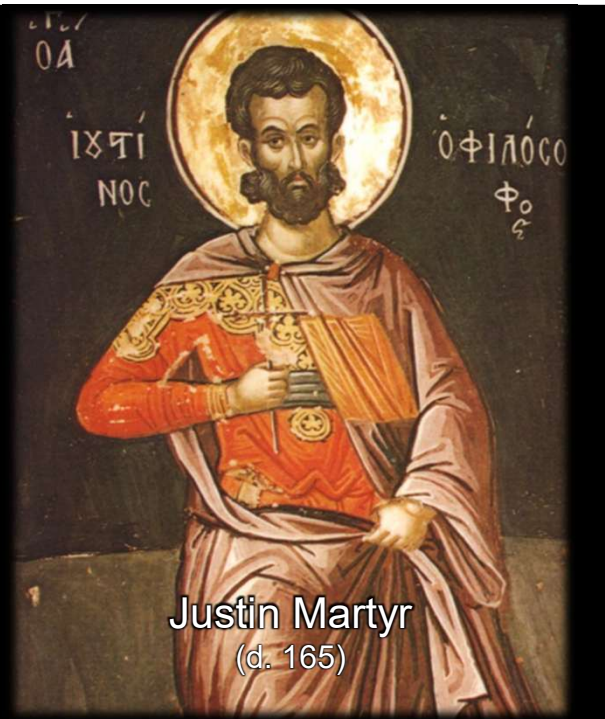
✧ Ephesians 4:26 ✧

"BE ANGRY, AND DO NOT SIN":
do not let the sun go down
on your wrath."



"For the apostles, in the memoirs composed by them, which are called Gospels, have thus delivered unto us what was enjoined upon them; that Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, said, 'This do ye in remembrance of Me, ...'"

[Justin Martyr Apology,
<https://earlywritings.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=3&t=1874#p41230>, accessed 06/18/26]



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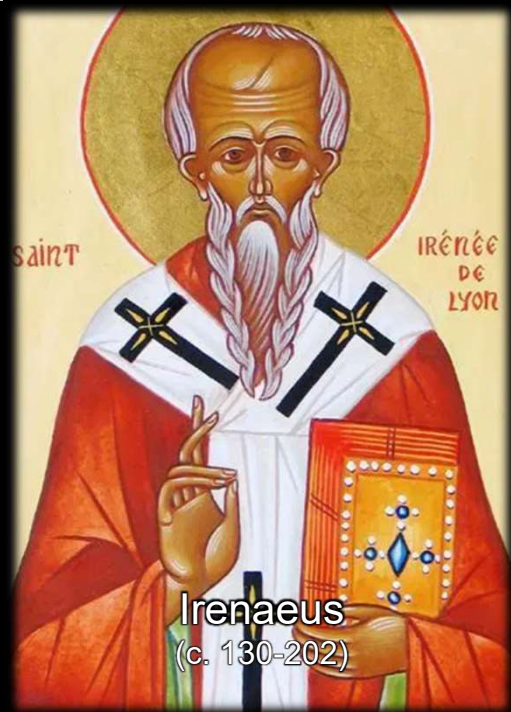
Justin uses the word "entetalthai" (ἐντετάλθαι) from "entellō" (ἐντέλλω) meaning "I command, I give orders".

It is used the in the New Testament (Mt. 15:3, 4) for God's commands in the Old Testament and for Jesus' commands (Mt. 17:9).

[William F. Arndt and F. Wilbur Gingrich A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1979), s.v. "ἐντέλλω," p. 268]

"We have learned from none others the plan of our salvation, than from those through whom the Gospel has come down to us, which they did at one time proclaim in public, and, at a later period, by the will of God, handed down to us in the Scriptures, to be the ground and pillar of our faith."

[Irenaeus *Against Heresies* 3.1.1,
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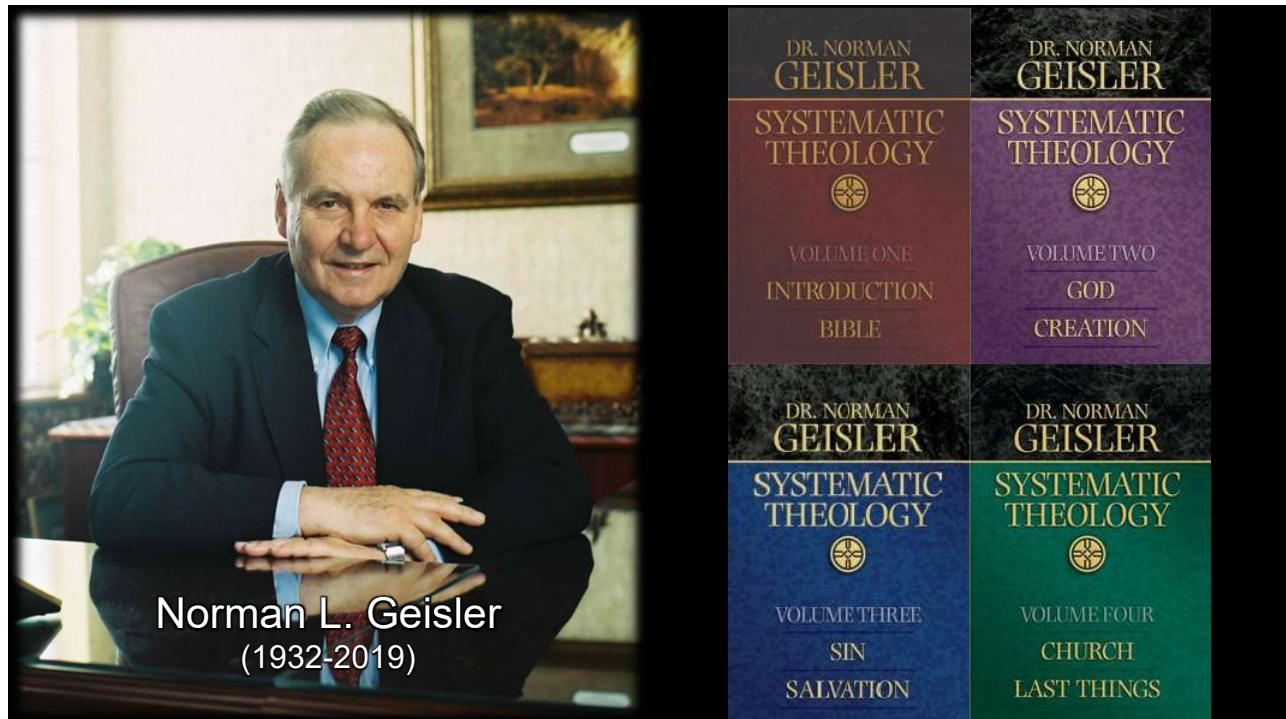
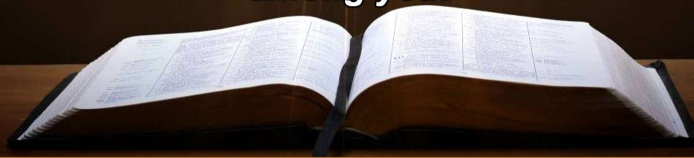


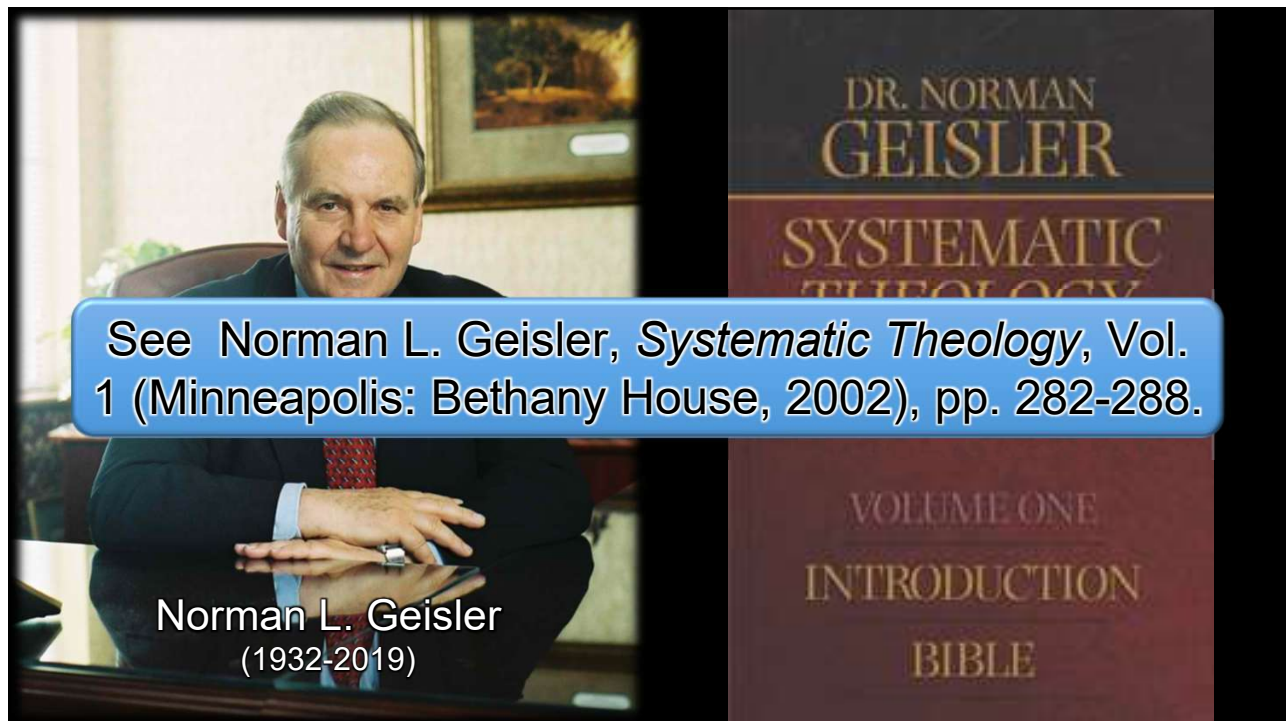
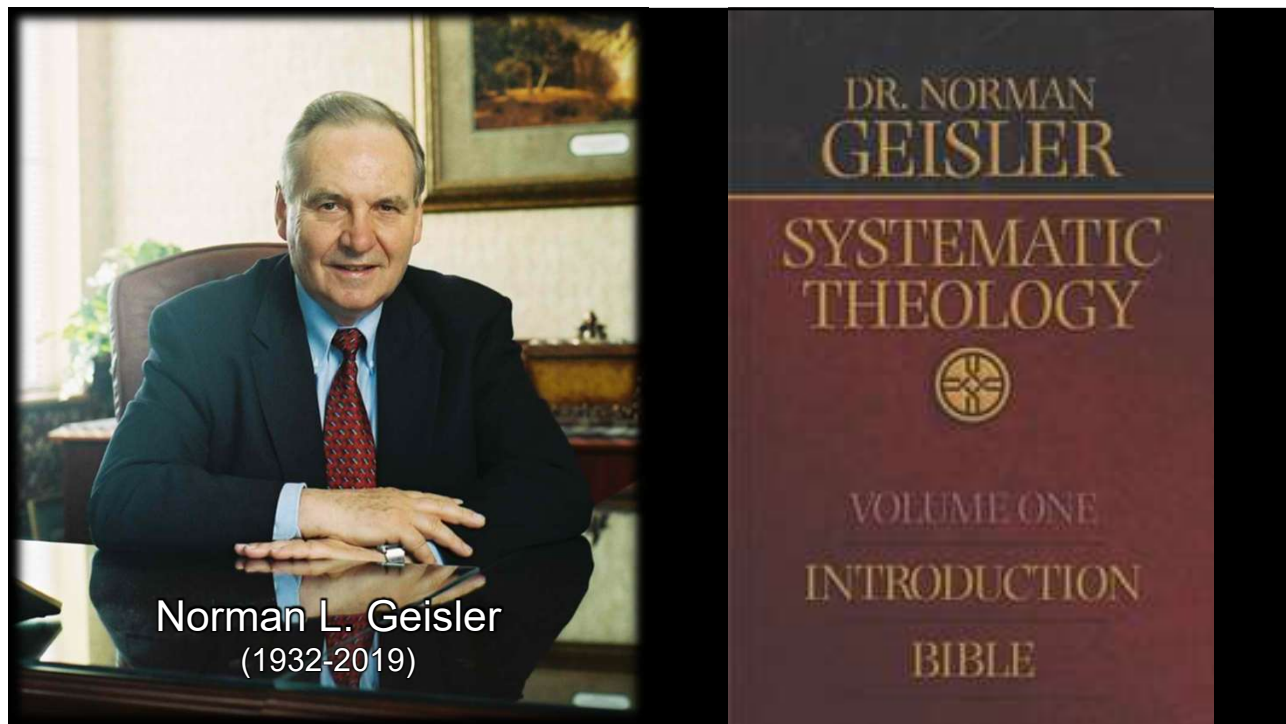
Hence heresies have both frequently arisen and are arising, ... the Lord permits and suffers these things to happen, ... while the norm of truth examines our hearts and minds, the sound faith of those who are approved may become manifest in a clear light. Through the Apostle the Holy Spirit forewarns and says: 'For there must be factions, so that those who are approved among you may be made manifest.'"

[https://ia801903.us.archive.org/32/items/TheUnityOfTheChurchByStCyprianOfCarthage/Cyprian_The_Unty_Of_The_Church.pdf, accessed
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✧ 1 Corinthians 11:18-19 ✧

“For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you.”







❧ The English Word 'Canon' ❧

- ❖ The word 'canon' comes from the Greek *kanōn* (κανών) meaning "a straight rod or bar" and, metaphorically, "rule or standard."
- ❖ The word carries over into the Latin *canon*, meaning "rule, standard of conduct, regulation"

❧ The Doctrine of Canonicity ❧

- ❖ In theology, canonicity deals with the issue of which books of the Bible are inspired by God.
- ❖ On the basis of this, these books are to be recognized as authoritative books of the Bible.

❧ Disputes Over Canonicity ❧

- ❖ Historically there have been two major areas of dispute regarding canonicity.
 1. Protestants and Catholics disagree as to the extent of the Old Testament canon.
 2. Christianity and the Cults (Gnostics and others) disagree as to the extent of the New Testament canon.

∞ Canonicity and Biblical Authority ∞

- In addition, Protestants and Catholics have disagreed as to the nature and extent of the authority of the Bible.
- 1. Can individuals interpret the Bible for themselves or does God have an infallible interpreter for His people?
- 2. Does God reveal additional truths to His people apart from the Bible?

∞ Canonicity and the Old Testament ∞

- Protestants refer to these disputed books as Apocryphal, i.e., the Apocrypha.
- Catholics refer to these disputed books as Deutero-Canonical, meaning "second canon."

Catholic (46)	Protestant (39)	Jewish (22)			
Genesis	Genesis	Genesis	Tobit		
Exodus	Exodus	Exodus	Judith		
Leviticus	Leviticus	Leviticus	Esther	Esther	Esther
Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	1 Maccabees		
Deuteronomy	Deuteronomy	Deuteronomy	2 Maccabees		
Joshua	Joshua	Joshua	Job	Job	Job
Judges	Judges	Judges/Ruth	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms
Ruth	Ruth		Proverbs	Proverbs	Proverbs
1 Samuel (1 Kings)	1 Samuel	Samuel	Ecclesiastes	Ecclesiastes	Ecclesiastes
2 Samuel (2 Kings)	2 Samuel		Song of Solomon	Song of Solomon	Song of Solomon
1 Kings (3 Kings)	1 Kings	Kings	Wisdom of Solomon		
2 Kings (4 Kings)	2 Kings		Sirach (Ecclesiasticus)		
1 Chronicles	1 Chronicles	Chronicles	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah
2 Chronicles	2 Chronicles		Jeremiah	Jeremiah	Jeremiah/Lamentations
Ezra (1 Esdras)	Ezra	Ezra/Nehemiah	Lamentations	Lamentations	
Nehemiah (2 Esdras)	Nehemiah		Baruch		

Tobit		
Judith		
Esther	Esther	Esther
1 Maccabees		
2 Maccabees		
Job	Job	Job
Psalms	Psalms	Psalms
Proverbs	Proverbs	Proverbs
Ecclesiastes	Ecclesiastes	Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon	Song of Solomon	Song of Solomon
Wisdom of Solomon		
Sirach (Ecclesiasticus)		
Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah
Jeremiah	Jeremiah	
Lamentations	Lamentations	Jeremiah/Lamentations
Baruch		

✧ Canonicity and the Old Testament ✧

- While a discussion about the extent of the Old Testament canon is important, most of what theologically separates Protestants and Catholics does not depend on these disputed books.

⌘ Canonicity and the Old Testament ⌘

➤ The Protestant/Catholic debate is better served by:

- ✓ Focusing on disputes over the interpretation of specific verses of the Bible.
- ✓ Focusing on disputes over the role of the Catholic Church's authority (the teaching Magisterium) in matters of biblical interpretation.

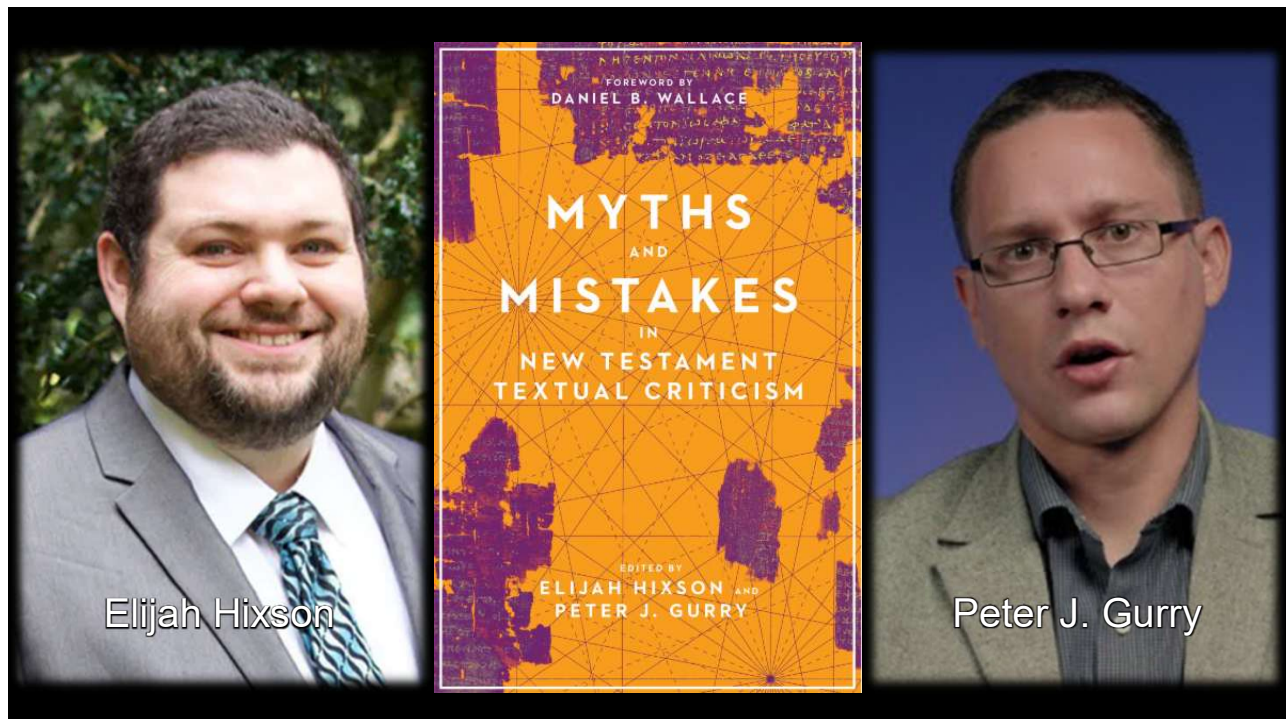
⌘ Canonicity and the New Testament ⌘

➤ The authority of the New Testament books reside in the fact that these books were written with apostolic authority.

- ✓ The church **DISCOVERED** which books are canonical.
- ✓ It did **not DETERMINE** which books are canonical.

✧ Canonicity and the New Testament ✧

- This process of discovery took place over several centuries.



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Origen (<i>Sermons on Joshua</i> 7.1)	ca. AD 250	May lack Revelation
Eusebius (<i>Church History</i> 3.25)	ca. 325	Disputed: James, 2 Peter, 2-3 John, Jude; Revelation: either accepted or spurious
Cyril of Jerusalem (<i>Catechesis</i> 4.36)	ca. 350	Lacks Revelation
Athanasius (<i>Festal Letter</i> 39.18)	367	Twenty-seven-book New Testament
Synod of Laodicea 59	343-380	Lacks Revelation
<i>The Apostolic Canons</i> 85	375-380	Lacks Revelation; adds 1-2 Clement
Gregory of Nazianzus (<i>Hymn</i> 12)	381-390	May lack Revelation
Amphilochius (<i>Iambi</i> In. 280-319)	ca. 380	Disputed: 2 Peter, 2-3 John, Jude, Revelation
Epiphanius (<i>Panarion</i> 76.22.5)	ca.376	Twenty-seven-book New Testament
The Muratorian Fragment	2nd, 3rd, or 4th c.	Accidentally lacks 1-2 Peter, James, Hebrews

List	Date	Comments
Codex Claromontanus	300-350	Accidentally lacks Philippians, Thessalonians, Hebrews
The Mommsen Catalogue	before 365	Lacks Hebrews, James, Jude; uncertain on the number of Petrine (1 or 2) and Johannine (1 or 3) epistles
Jerome (<i>Letter</i> 53)	395	Twenty-seven-book New Testament
Rufinus (<i>Commentary on Apostles' Creed</i>)	ca. 404	Twenty-seven-book New Testament
<i>Breviarium Hipponense</i> 36	ca.393	Twenty-seven-book New Testament
Augustine (<i>On Christian Teaching</i>)	397	Twenty-seven-book New Testament
Pope Innocent I (<i>Letter</i> 6.7)	405	Twenty-seven-book New Testament
Syriac MS 10	350-400	Lacks Catholic Epistles and Revelation

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2. Because of the nature of God, inspiration entails inerrancy.

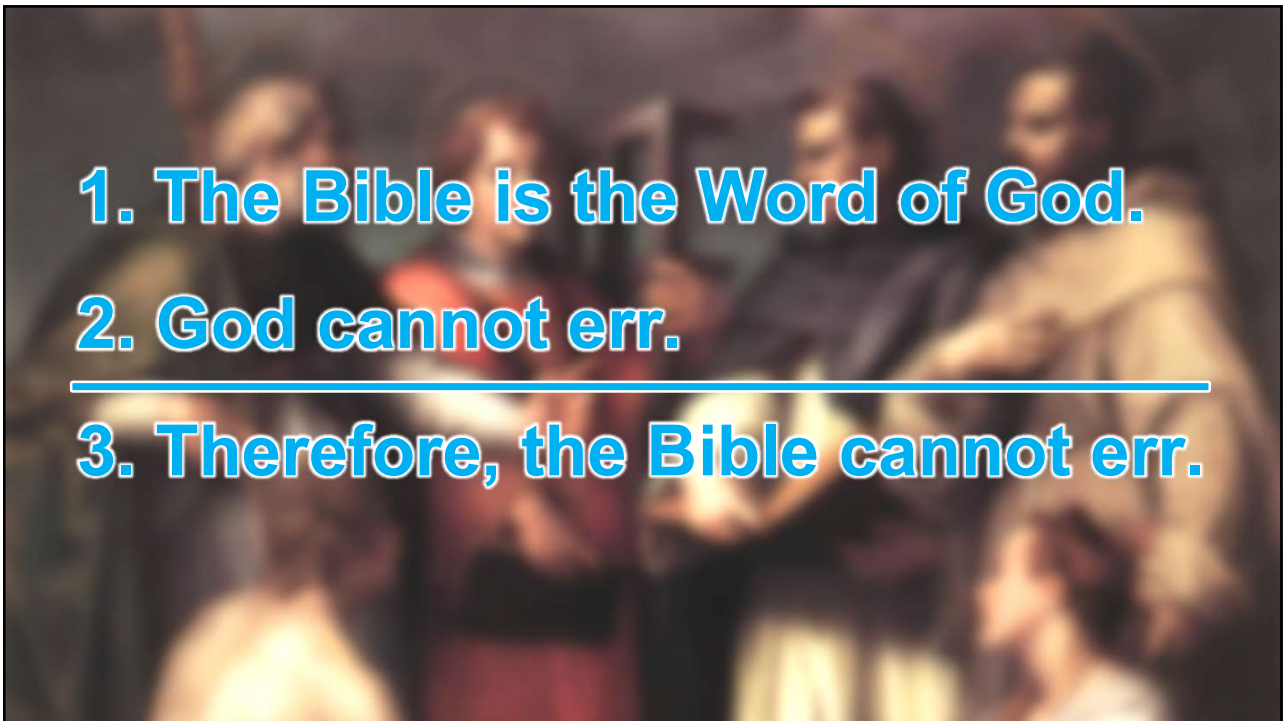
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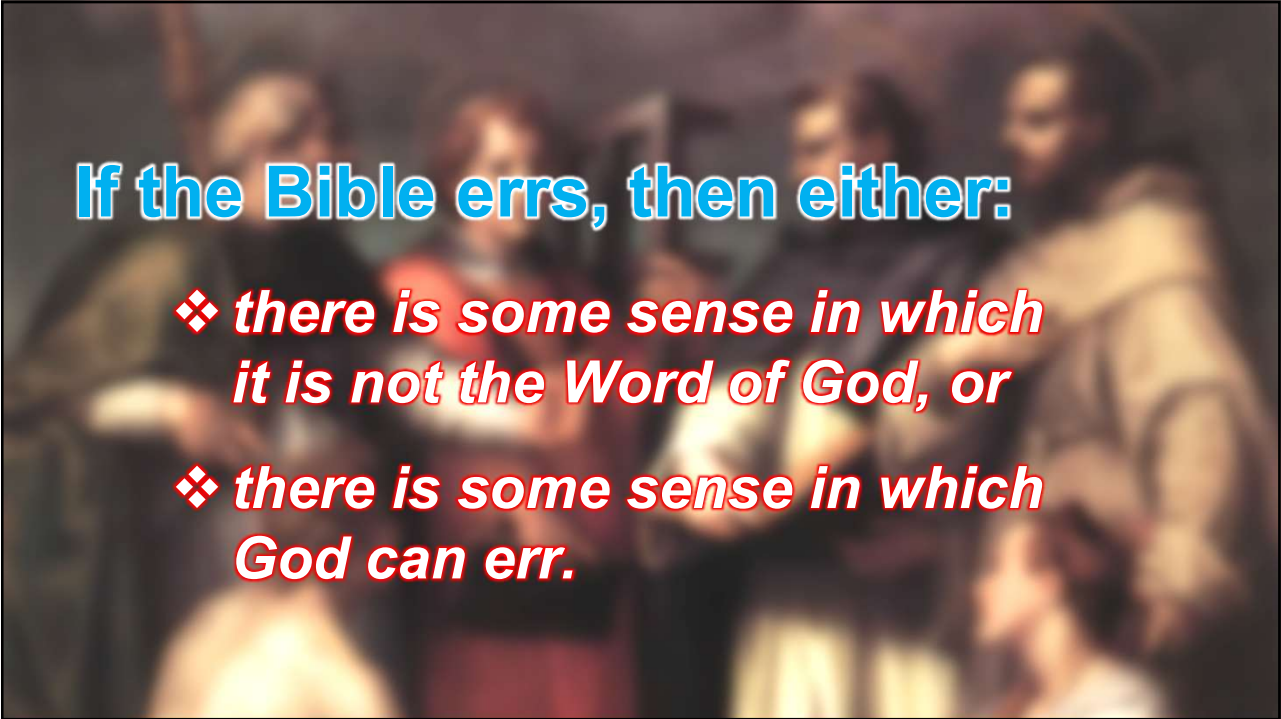


1. The Bible is the Word of God.

2. God cannot err.

3. Therefore, the Bible cannot err.





If the Bible errs, then either:

- ❖ *there is some sense in which it is not the Word of God, or*
- ❖ *there is some sense in which God can err.*



***Natural Theology is the name
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General Revelation

*God making known
to mankind through
His creation His
existence,
attributes,
and goodness*

Special Revelation

*God making known to
mankind through His
prophets, apostles,
and His Son His
nature and will that
could not necessarily
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