

Can We Chat?



The Bible - Part I

"We don't know what we don't know"

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Topic: The **Bible**

Key Thought: We can **trust** our **source**.

II Timothy 3:16-17 *"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work."*

II Peter 1:13-16

I John 1:1-5

Matthew 28:19 *"Go...make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all I have commanded you."* They were entrusted with the words of Jesus, *"the words of eternal life."*

Our Goals for the series:

- 1) To have **confidence** in our **source**.
- 2) To know the **truth** and be set free.
 - a. *"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* **John 8:31-32**
- 3) To **connect** the current generation to the next by our living example.

A couple of questions...

1. **Why were the New Testament books and letters originally written?**
 - To be an **authoritative** witness of the **life** and teachings of Jesus.

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2. How was the New Testament compiled in its present form?

- With **sober** judgment.
- There were other writings, letters, books and so-called accounts of Jesus that were circulating.
 - **Lost books** or (secret) books – **Gnostics** wrote them between 150-400 AD.
 - **Pseudopigrapha** – So-called accounts of Jesus' life, written under the name of someone credible by a discredited source. These were written mostly from 150 AD to 400 AD.
 - **Gospel** accounts, about 40 that surfaced over the first 250 years of Christianity. These books were known to the early church to be discredited and false sources.
- **Apocrypha** – Refers to a group of books added to the Old Testament by the Roman Catholic Church at the Council of Trent (1548).

Matthew 5:17-19 – The **Law**, **Prophets** and the **Writings**.

Takeaway 1 – No matter how many **facts** we bring regarding the Bible, we enter into its teachings by **faith** in Jesus Christ.

Takeaway 2 – We have the Bible because the early disciples **fulfilled** their **responsibility**.