

## Lesson 4

Is there any evidence within Scripture to prove other passages are inspired?

I Timothy 5:18 – quotes both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . Paul refers to both as \_\_\_\_\_ .

II Peter 3:15-16 – Peter acknowledges the writings of \_\_\_\_\_ .

How did the early church and its leadership do at recognizing New Testament books for canonization?

A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ - Clement of Rome mentioned 8 New Testament books in a letter, acknowledging their inspiration.

A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ - Polycarp, John's disciple acknowledged 15 letters.

A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ - Ignatius of Antioch acknowledged 7 books.

A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Hippolytus recognized 22 books.

A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ - the Muratorian Canon recognized all but Hebrews, James, and one of John's epistles.

A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ - Iranaeus acknowledged 21 books

A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ - The Counsel of Laodicea stated only the O.T. and the 27 books of the N.T. were to be read in the church.

A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ - Athanasius cited 27 only true books

A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ - The Counsel of Hippo recognized only the 27 books of the New Testament

A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ - The Counsel of Carthage affirmed that only the 27 books of the New Testament were to be read in the church as Scripture.

Why do we reject the Apocryphal books?

(The Apocrypha: I and II Esdras; Tobit; Judith; Rest of Esther; Wisdom; Ecclesiasticus [a.k.a. Sirach]; Baruch; The epistle of Jeremy; Song of the Three Children; Story of Susanna; The Idol Bel and the Dragon; The Prayer of Manasses; I and II Maccabees)

“There are no marks in these books which would attest a divine origin.... Both Judith and Tobit contain historical, chronological and geographical errors. The books justify falsehood and deception and make salvation to depend upon works of merit.... Ecclesiasticus and the Wisdom of Solomon inculcate a morality based upon expediency. Wisdom teaches the creation of the world out of pre-existent matter (11:17). Ecclesiasticus teaches that the giving of alms makes atonement for sin (3:30). In Baruch it is said that God hears the prayers of the dead (3:4), and in I Maccabees there are historical and geographical errors.” – E.J. Young; *Revelation and the Bible*