



Being the source for other doctrines and teachings, the doctrine of the Bible is foundational to other Christian doctrines. Many have questioned the truthfulness and authority of God's Word. I believe that the Bible is our source of specific revelation through which we can interpret general revelation, and that it is sufficient for everything pertaining to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3)

Source of the Bible

- The Bible itself _____ to be the Word of God (Ex. 14:1; 20:1; Lev. 4:1; Deut. 4:2; Jer. 1:11; 2 Timothy 3:16).

Notes: _____

- In the New Testament, Paul _____ his writings as coming from the Lord (1 Cor. 14:37; 1 Thess. 2:13) as did John (1 John 4:6).

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- Believers _____ teaching as coming from the Lord rather than from _____ (1 Thess. 2:13).

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- _____ authenticated the _____ and the prophets (The Old Testament) (Matt. 5:17-18; Luke 24:44-45).

Notes: _____

- _____ authenticated the writings of _____ as Scripture (2 Peter 3:15-16).

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Application/ Discussion:

_____ = (rule or measuring rod) of God's authentic word..

The primary tests used by the church for the NT canon were

1. _____ (did the writing have apostolic connection)
2. _____ (was the writing different from normal writings and not contradictory of the OT)
3. _____ (was it widely accepted by the church).

The church did not _____ the canon; they _____ inspired writings as God's Word.