

SCRIPTURE: FROM GOD TO MAN

We are going to look at the process of how the Scriptures came from God to mankind:

1. Written as Scripture!

Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly **in the apostles' doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

2 Thessalonians 2:15 Therefore, brethren, **stand fast**, and **hold the traditions** (τὰς παραδόσεις) which ye have been taught, whether **by word** (εἴτε διὰ λόγου), **or our epistle** (εἴτε δι' ἐπιστολῆς ἡμῶν).

2 Thessalonians 3:14 And if any man obey not **our word** (τῷ λόγῳ ἡμῶν **διὰ** τῆς ἐπιστολῆς) **by this epistle**, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

2 Thessalonians 3:17 The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every **epistle** (ἐπιστολῆ): so I write.

The Church was founded:

- **On Christ and Him Crucified**
- **As was prophesied in the OT**
- **As was preached by the Apostles by **both** the spoken & written word**
- **Upon which & from which the church was AND is built!**

0. Inherited as Scripture!

Some argue that Christianity was charismatic → prophets⁺ speaking for God, and was never intended to be a “bookish religion.”

I would argue the opposite!

Christianity was founded on a collection of books → 39x of them!

God always communicated through a book / collection of books!

Luke 24:25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe **all that the prophets have spoken**: Luke 24:26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? Luke 24:27 And beginning at **Moses and all the prophets**, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things **concerning himself**.

Luke 24:44 And he said unto them, **These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.** Luke 24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand **the scriptures**. Luke 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: Luke 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Luke 24:48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

These include 39 books today → 22 or 24 then

- **Collected on scrolls**
- **The Law & the Prophets**
- **The Law, the Prophets, & the Psalms...writings**
- **Torah, Nevi'im, Ketuvim (Tanakh)**
- **Christianity is built upon those books**

Matthew 12:3 But he said unto them, **Have ye not read** what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;

Matthew 12:5 **Or have ye not read in the law**, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?

Matthew 19:4 And he answered and said unto them, **Have ye not read**, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

Matthew 21:16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? **And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read**, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

Matthew 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, **Did ye never read in the scriptures**, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

Matthew 22:31 But as touching the resurrection of the dead, **have ye not read** that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,

Genesis 5:1 **This is the book of the generations of Adam**. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

Joshua 1:8 **This book of the law** shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Psalm 1:2 But his delight is in **the law of the LORD**; And in **his law** doth he meditate day and night. **Psalm 1:3** And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, That bringeth forth his fruit in his season; His leaf also shall not wither; And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Nehemiah 8:1 And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring **the book of the law of Moses**, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.

Nehemiah 8:3 And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto **the book of the law**.

Nehemiah 8:5 And Ezra opened **the book in the sight of all the people**; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:

Nehemiah 8:8 So they read **in the book in the law of God** distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

Nehemiah 8:18 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, **he read in the book of the law of God**. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

Nehemiah 9:3 And they stood up in their place, **and read in the book of the law of the LORD** their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God.

Nehemiah 13:1 On that day **they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people**; and **therein was found written**, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever;

- **Collected on scrolls**
- **Organized differently**
- **Identical content**
- **Inherited by the Church from the very first**

What have Christian done for the last 2,000~ years?

Believed it	Read it	Memorized it
Quoted it	Preached it	Taught it
Copied it	Translated it	Guarded it