

SCRIPTURE: FROM GOD TO MAN

2 Timothy 3:15 And that from a child (βρέφους) thou hast known the holy scriptures (τὰ ἱερὰ γράμματα), which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture (Πᾶσα γραφή) is **given by inspiration of God** (θεόπνευστος), and is **profitable** for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2 Timothy 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Timothy 4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; **2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.** **2 Timothy 4:3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; **2 Timothy 4:4** And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. **2 Timothy 4:5** But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

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.

0. Inherited as Scripture!

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

2. Copied as and distributed as Scripture!

Revelation 1:1 THE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: **Revelation 1:2** Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, (ὁ ἀναγινώσκων) and they that hear (οἱ ἀκούοντες) the words of this prophecy, and keep (τηροῦντες) those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Revelation 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

Revelation 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, **was in the isle that is called Patmos**, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 2:1 Unto the angel (Τῷ ἀγγέλῳ τῆς ἐν Ἐφέσῳ ἐκκλησίας γράψον) of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

Revelation 2:8 And unto the angel (Καὶ τῷ ἀγγέλῳ τῆς ἐν Σμύρνῃ ἐκκλησίας γράψον) of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

Revelation 2:12 And to the angel (Καὶ τῷ ἀγγέλῳ τῆς ἐν Περγάμῳ ἐκκλησίας γράψον) of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

Revelation 2:18 And unto the angel (Καὶ τῷ ἀγγέλῳ τῆς ἐν Θυατείροις ἐκκλησίας γράψον) of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

Revelation 3:1 And unto the angel (τῷ ἀγγέλῳ τῆς ἐν Σάρδεσιν ἐκκλησίας γράψον) of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

Revelation 3:7 And to the angel (τῷ ἀγγέλῳ τῆς ἐν Φιλαδελφείᾳ ἐκκλησίας γράψον) of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

Revelation 3:14 And unto the angel (τῷ ἀγγέλῳ τῆς ἐν Λαοδικείᾳ ἐκκλησίας γράψον) of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

The oldest portion we have of the NT:

Rylands Library Papyrus P52

A business card size fragment (3.5" by 2.5")

From around 125 AD (as early as 115 AD | as late as 150 AD)

From the Gospel of John which was written around mid-80s

From a codex (How do we know? It was written on both sides)

On front: John 18:31-33

On back: John 18:37-38



3. Received as Scripture!

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

When did people know that MT, MK, LK, John... were inspired & authoritative Scripture? –from the beginning

How do / would we know? –Jesus says it in John 17

4. Used / utilized as Scripture!

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, **as his custom was**, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, **and stood up for to read.** Luke 4:17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

Acts 13:14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down. Acts 13:15 **And after the reading of the law and the prophets** the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

Acts 15:21 For Moses of old time hath in **every city them that preach him, being read** in the synagogues **every sabbath day**.

Acts 17:1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews: Acts 17:2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days **reasoned with them out of the scriptures.** Acts 17:3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, **with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:**

1 Corinthians 4:17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, **who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.**

1 Corinthians 7:17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. **And so ordain I in all churches.**

1 Corinthians 11:16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, **neither the churches of God.**

1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, **as in all churches of the saints.** **1 Corinthians 14:34** Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, **as also saith the law.** **1 Corinthians 14:35** And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: **for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.** **1 Corinthians 14:36** What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? **1 Corinthians 14:37** If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are **the commandments of the Lord.**
1 Corinthians 14:38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

1 Corinthians 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, **as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.** **1 Corinthians 16:2** Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

From Joshua → David → Nehemiah & Ezra → Jesus → Jewish Synagogues → Local Churches

1 Thessalonians 5:27 I charge you by the Lord **that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.**

Colossians 4:16 **And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.**

2 Thessalonians 3:14 And if any man obey not our word **by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.**

1 Timothy 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. **1 Timothy 5:18** **For the scripture saith,** Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. **And,** The labourer is worthy of his reward.

Deuteronomy 25:4 Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn.

Luke 10:7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

1 Timothy 4:13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

What does this mean?

- R of Scripture
- Ex (teaching & preaching) of Scripture
- App of Scripture

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