

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!

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).

0. Inherited as Scripture!

2. Copied as and distributed as Scripture!

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?

How do / would we know?

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?

- **Public reading of Scripture**
- **Public explaining (teaching & preaching) of Scripture**
- **Applying of Scripture**

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.

5. Collected as Scripture!

2 Peter 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 2 Peter 3:15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 2 Peter 3:16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. 2 Peter 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.