



Session 3: The Canon of Scripture

I. Exploring the Modern-Day Problem of Canon

A. Modern Day Critical Biblical Scholarship

B. The Influence of Bart Ehrman

C. The Da Vinci Code

The Crux of the Issue: Does Christianity provide a basis for knowing the Canon of Scripture?

II. Defining Canon

A. Basic Definition

B. The Extrinsic Definition

C. The Intrinsic Definition

III. Canonical Models

A. Community Determined Models

i. Historical-Critical Model:

ii. Roman Catholic Model:

iii. Existential Model:

iv. Evaluation



B. Historically Determined Model

i. Fundamental View:

ii. Criteria of Canonicity:

1. Apostolicity:

2. Usage:

3. Date:

4. Orthodoxy

iii. Evaluation:

C. Self-Authenticating Model:

i. The Biblical Model

ii. Providential Exposure

iii. Attributes of Canonicity

1. Marks of Divinity

2. Apostolic Authorship

3. Corporate Reception

iv. Testimony of the Holy Spirit