

The Canon of Scripture

Defining Canon

- I. Defining the Term:
 - A. Canon, in its most basic sense, means “an authoritative standard.”
 - B. The Biblical Canon refers to a book, books, or a collection of books that are themselves inspired and inerrant scripture from God.
- II. Definitions of Biblical Canon
 - A. The Extrinsic Definition of Canon
 - B. The Intrinsic Definition of Canon
 1. Ontological Definition:
 2. Functional Definition:
 3. Exclusive Definition:
 - C. The Importance of the Ontological Distinction (Or “Canon A” & “Canon B”)
- III. The Process of NT Transmission
 - A. Life and Ministry of Jesus
 - B. Commission and Oral Teachings of the Apostles
 - C. Authorship of Written New Testament Documents

- IV. Canon and Covenant: Why have a Canon at All?
 - A. The Question of Canon Consciousness

- B. Covenantal Documents