



Session 9 - T - The Bible has been Translated Correctly.

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1. T - The Bible has been _____ correctly.

- a. Jesus said the integrity of God's _____ would be safeguarded until the end of time (Matt. 5:18).
- b. The New Testament has been described as the most reliable _____ text.

2. How the Bible was _____.

- a. 2 Tim. 3:16 tells us that "All Scripture is God-_____"
- b. Although written by men, the Bible was _____ by God.

3. How the _____ was put together.

- a. Early on, believers began formally _____ the books that had been _____ from the beginning.
- b. The _____ they used included:
 1. Apostolicity: Direct or indirect _____ with an apostle.
 2. Orthodoxy: _____ with what was known to be true.
 3. Antiquity: It came from the _____ era.
 4. Ecclesiastical usage: The early _____ had used it from the beginning.
3. A canon, or _____, of biblical books that met these criteria was assembled and passed down to us today.
- d. The word canon means a _____ or standard; it comes from the word reed which had been used as a ruler.



4. The _____ evidence for the Bible.

- a. The Dead Sea scrolls showed the reliability of the Old _____.
- b. The manuscript evidence for the New Testament is unparalleled in the _____ world.
 - i. The _____ of these manuscripts has been established at 99.5%.
- c. There are more than 18,000 early _____ of these documents.
- d. There are around 80,000 _____ from early church leaders.
- e. God has _____ His Word through a vast number of copies!

5. Most modern _____ accurately translate the text of the Bible.

- a. Some translate word-for-word, others thought-for-thought, and some are a _____ between the two.

6. **Summary:** The Bible has been inspired by God and the text of the Bible has been preserved in a way that no other ancient text has. There are variants among the thousands of copies but because there are so many copies these can be found and the original meaning can be determined. You can be confident that what you read in Scripture is what was given to us by God.

Review the BEST FACTS acronym and discuss this session and questions:

- 1. How does the evidence for the reliability of the Bible encourage you?
- 2. Why do you think it was important for God to preserve the Bible for us?
- 3. What is your favorite Scripture passage and why?