

How The Bible Was Put Together and Why It Is (Still) Our Book

[Week 4]

- Opening Scriptures:
 - 2nd Timothy 3:10-17
 - Colossians 3:12-16
 - John 1:1-18

- BRIEF Review & catch-up from last week
 - The edited/printed order of The Bible(s) vs. the actual chronology (why & how)

- THIS WEEK'S Focus (continued from last week):
How to Understand The Scriptures [+] Scholarship & Textual Reliability
 - Approaching them on different “levels”...
 - Lectio Divina (“Enlightened or Divine” reading)
 - ✓ Applied methods
 - ❖ Initial/General
 - ❖ Informational/Contextual
 - ❖ Personal/Spiritual
 - “Where is Jesus in this Text?”
 - “Where am I in it?”
 - “How does it speak to the world?”
 - Historical, Critical, Interpretive Method (using scholarship to get closer to the original intentions)
 - ✓ *Historical*: uses oldest/best manuscripts & translations
 - ✓ *Critical*: recognizes the styles of literature; the (in)consistencies in the published Bible; seeks to understand the culture(s) of the day & particular turns-of-phrase, images, social-practices of the time; etc.
 - ✓ *Interpretive*: relies upon the previous two & the recognition of one’s own experiences/biases in order to land at a realistic “trust” of the Scriptures (while knowing that they are subject to individualized applications)

- **KEY WORDS:**
 - *Transmission*
 - *Transliteration (vs. translation &/or paraphrase)*
 - *Psuedopigrapha*
 - *Hermeneutic*
 - *Divine Superintendence*

NEXT WEEK: Textual Reliability & _____(?)