



# HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE

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GOD HAS SPOKEN. HE HAS PRESERVED IT. WE CAN TRUST IT.

◆ PSALM 119:89 ◆

# New Testament Revelation Was Written Down

1

**At first, the gospel was proclaimed orally.**

Acts 1:8; Acts 2:14–41

- The message existed before all 27 New Testament books had been written.

2

**Inspired revelation also took written form.**

Luke 1:1–4; John 20:30–31; Ephesians 3:3–4; 1 John 1:4; Revelation 1:11, 19

- The apostles and other inspired men wrote down God's revelation.

3

**The writings were intended to be read by churches.**

Colossians 4:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:27; Revelation 1:3–4

- These letters and accounts were shared, read, and passed among congregations.

4

**The writings were recognized as authoritative during the apostolic period.**

1 Timothy 5:18 (cf. Luke 10:7); 2 Peter 3:15–16

- Apostolic writings were regarded as Scripture.

*“But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”*

JOHN 20:31

# Was New Revelation Intended to Continue Indefinitely?

1

**God's revelation has now been fully given.**

Jude 3

- “..the faith that was *once for all* delivered to the saints.”

2

**The New Testament presents itself as complete.**

Revelation 22:18–19

- “If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book...”

3

**The apostles understood their message as final.**

1 Corinthians 15:1–3

- “...the gospel ... which you received, in which you stand...”

4

**No further inspired revelation is given after the apostles.**

Ephesians 2:20

- “...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.”

5

**Today we are to hold fast to what has been revealed.**

2 Timothy 3:16–17

- ‘All Scripture is sufficient for faith and godliness.’

