

**A History of Heresy:
The History of the Church from 50—500 AD
Summer 2023
Session Nine: The New Testament Canon**

Introduction

- Today: The Formation of the New Testament Canon
 - Canon = _____ or _____
 - Modern Misconceptions Concerning the Canon
 - Theological Liberals
 - Roman Catholic: *The Church* _____ *us the* _____
- I. The Old Testament _____ for the Prophets
 - a. Prophet comes from Hebrew word *nabi* meaning _____
 - b. Moses, the First Prophet
 - i. Prophet _____ the word of the LORD
 - ii. Prophet _____ the word of the LORD
 - iii. Prophet _____ the word of the LORD
 - c. Moses' Final Instructions
 - i. _____ the “prophets” (Deut 18:15-22; 13:1-5)
 - ii. Then “_____” to them Deut 18:15
 - d. The Canon after Moses: _____
 - e. The Canon Grows by _____ --one book at a time
 - f. Daniel 9:1,2: Daniel sees _____ as Scripture
 - i. **Question:** How Did Daniel Get a Copy of the Prophet's writing?
- II. Jesus' _____ to the Apostles

- a. *Apostolos* from the main verb *Apostello* means _____
 - b. *Sent to Do What?* Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:8 John 14:25,26; 15:26,27
 - i. Apostle _____ the word of the LORD
 - ii. Apostle _____ the word of the LORD
 - iii. Apostle _____ the word of the LORD
- III. The Apostles _____ of their Own Words/Writings
- a. The Authority of the _____: Rom 1:1; 1 Cor 1:1; 1 Pet 1:1; 2 Pet 1:1
 - b. The Authority of their _____
 - i. Paul: 1 Corinthians 2:13; 1 Thess 2:13; 4:8
 - ii. Peter: 1 Peter 1:12; 2 Peter 1:21; 3:16
- IV. The Early Church's _____ of Apostolic Writings
- a. The OT Pattern carries over into the Early Church—strong _____ core
 - b. The NT Continuity
 - i. Did the writer directly _____ the word of Christ
 - 1. Acts 1:21-26;
 - 2. Galatians 1
 - ii. We still must _____ their words Acts 17:11
 - iii. The Canon Continues to Grow by _____
 - c. The Spread of the Accepted Books: Colossians 4:16
- V. Conclusion: Scripture is Self-_____
- a. The Faithful Basically Knew What Books Were Canonical
 - b. The Bible _____ us the _____