

Lesson 2.2 “The Meaning and Origin of the Canon”

1. What does the term “canon” mean?

2. The apostle Paul said in 2 Timothy 3:16–17 that the Bible is “God-breathed”. What does this mean and what are some practical consequences of something being “God-breathed”?

3. Is the Bible capable of fully equipping the Christian for every good work?

4. Who determines the canon? The church? Councils? Etc.?

5. If the canon is determined by God is human effort still necessary?

6. How did God use human efforts to help His people recognize the voice of God?

7. What was the historical process used (or, what 3 criterion were used) to help the church understand what was truly the voice of God and what was not?

8. Do you suppose God would first inspire Scripture and then *not* work through the Holy Spirit among His people to help them recognize His Word?