

WHAT IN THE WORD: LESSON ONE

Making Sense of the Bible's Reliability

_____ : "The Bible contains neither errors of fact (material errors) nor internal contradictions (formal errors)"¹

_____ : The Bible is "reliable and trustworthy to those who turn to it in search of God's truth."²

Bayou City Fellowship's Statement on Scripture:

- We believe the Bible (both the Old and New Testament) is the inspired Word of God. It is without error in its original writings and is the final authority over all men (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21).³

The Canon

Canonization is the process by which the _____ of the Bible were determined to be qualified to be _____ as part of the Bible.

¹ Bruce, F.F., J.I. Packer, Philip W. Comfort and Carl F.H. Henry, eds.. *The Origin of the Bible*. (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2020). Page 39.

² Ibid.

³ <https://bayoucityfellowship.com/about/>

Translations

Two different approaches to translations

- Formal: tries to stay as close as possible to the _____ of the source language⁴
 - Word for word
 - Tries to recreate the *text* of the original audience
- Functional: tries to express the _____ in today's language⁵
 - Thought for thought
 - Tries to recreate the *experience* of the original audience
- Paraphrase: Does not go back to the original language – takes a translation and restates it. (Living Bible, Amplified Bible)



⁴ Duvall, J. Scott and J. Daniel Hays. *Grasping God's Word*. 2005. Page 168.

⁵ Ibid.