

How We Got the Bible

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Canonization- Continued

Part 4: History of Books accepted and rejected from the New Testament

The New Testament Canon was first accepted by

1. Individuals:

2. Councils:

3. Various Canons and translations:

- The Old Syriac Translation

- The Old Latin Vulgate

- The Muratorian Canon

A. Homologoumena books of the New Testament

- 20 of the 27 books

- Includes all the books from Matthew to Philemon plus I Peter and I John

B. Antilegomena books- Disputed books

1. James

2. II Peter

3. II and III John

4. Hebrews:

5. Jude:

6. Revelation

C. Pseudepigrapha – books rejected by all

They include the following

1. The Gospel of Thomas

2. The Gospel of the Ebionites (2nd century)
3. The Gospel of Peter (2nd century)
4. Proevangelium of James (2nd century)
5. The Gospel of the Egyptians (2nd century)
6. Arabic gospel of childhood
7. Gospel of Nicodemus (2nd or 5th)
8. The gospel of Joseph the Carpenter (4th century)
9. The Passing of Mary (4th century)
10. The Gospel of Pseudo- Matthew (5th century)
11. The Gospel of:
12. There were also the Acts of:
13. Epistles to:
14. Apocalypses of:

D. Apocrypha- books accepted by some

1. Epistle of Pseudo Barnabas
2. Ancient Homily

3. Shepherd of Hermas
4. Didache
5. Apocalypse of Peter
6. Acts of Paul and Techla
7. Epistle of Polycarp to the Philippians
8. The seven epistles of Ignatius
9. Epistle to the Laodiceans
10. The Gospel according to the Hebrews

The value of the New Testament Pseudepigrapha

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The Value of the Apocrypha

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