

OFTEN REPEATED ERRORS CONCERNING SCRIPTURE

1. Text: Psalm 119:105-111
2. Something can be repeated often enough and people come to believe it. “Urban legends” would be an example.
3. Here are four such untrue statements about the Bible.

I. **“The Roman Catholic Church Gave Us The Bible.”**

1. Meaning: the church in the first few centuries after Christ’s ministry determined what would be the sacred Scriptures.
2. This has to do with the Canon: The standard that makes a biblical book Scripture.
3. The truth: The Bible is the Word of God not because it was accepted by men, but it was accepted by men because it is the Word of God.
4. The Canon was determined by God and recognized by men of God.
5. God gives the Bible its authority, not the people of God.
6. “The church no more gave us the New Testament Canon than Sir Isaac Newton gave us the force of gravity.”
7. Did you hear about the rooster who thought the sun came up because he crowed?

II. **“There Are Some Lost Books Of The Bible.”**

1. Point: We do not have the complete Word of God.
2. “The Lost Books of the Bible.”
3. Meant to destroy faith and confidence in our Bibles, Satan’s work.
4. One source: books mentioned but not in Bible. (I Chronicles 29:29) Nothing says they should have been in the Bible, but are good resources.
5. Another source: books known but do not measure up to the Canon.
6. Remember: John 16:13 The apostles would be guided into all truth. II Peter 1:3 In the first century revelation they were given “all things that pertain to life and godliness.”

III. **“The Bible Is True Only In So Far As It Has Been Correctly Translated.”**

1. False teachers love to cast suspicion on the biblical text. Here they affirm that through translations through the years much that’s not true has crept into the Scripture.
2. This is absurd. Our English translations come directly from the best Hebrew and Greek texts to us.
3. There are multitudes of scholars who study carefully translations to see if they correctly convey the Word of God to us.
4. Textual criticism: Scientists who examine the original texts or manuscripts.

IV. **“You Can Prove Anything By The Bible.”**

1. Is God or man responsible when doctrines contradict? I Corinthians 14:33.
2. By misusing and abusing the Scripture one can seemingly prove anything.
3. II Peter 3:16 Peter warns there are those who wrest, twist, torture, pervert the Scriptures to their destruction.
4. Example: Reading into a passage what is not there.
5. Example: Making passages contradictory instead of complementary.
6. Need: Careful study (II Timothy 2:15)

Conclusion:

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