

Series: Alert and Ready (1 Peter)

Sermon: Be Ready to Answer

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Bible Verses: 1 Peter 3:15

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If lives are on the \_\_\_\_\_ → Be ready all the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is the art of defending Christianity with \_\_\_\_\_.

#### HOW DID THE BIBLE GET PUT TOGETHER?

**False:** The “Bible” is a \_\_\_\_\_ Book.

**Fact:** it is a collection of \_\_\_\_\_.

**False:** There were a lot of books that were “\_\_\_\_\_” of the Bible.

**Fact:** The books that are part of our Bible today were \_\_\_\_\_ considered words from God, from the time they were written and other books were not.

**False:** “Books were \_\_\_\_\_ on in a \_\_\_\_\_, and that’s how the Bible was formed.”

#### This is the bottom line:

Whatever God \_\_\_\_\_ is Scripture. Whatever God did \_\_\_\_\_ is not Scripture.

The early Church \_\_\_\_\_ what was scripture, they did not \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Principles of Canonicity (how something is discovered to be Scripture)

1. Was it written by \_\_\_\_\_ of God?
2. Was he, the prophet, confirmed by \_\_\_\_\_ of God?
3. Does it tell the \_\_\_\_\_ about God?
4. Does it have the \_\_\_\_\_ of God?
5. Was it accepted by the \_\_\_\_\_ God?

*This section utilizes lots  
of definitions & ideas  
from Dr. Norman Geisler.*

The Church Councils in late 300s (Carthage and Hippo) **ratified** that “\_\_\_\_\_” what books belong in the Bible. They did not decide what books to accept.

#### Practical Application:

I will \_\_\_\_\_. I will ask questions and not settle for easy answers because I want the truth and I want to be able to \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.

I will \_\_\_\_\_ the shows on [www.TruthRevolution.tv/BeReady](http://www.TruthRevolution.tv/BeReady) and maybe more!

I will consider reading some books or visiting resources like: [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_.org](http://www._____.org), [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_.org](http://www._____.org), normangeisler.com, seanmcdowell.org, “Has God Spoken”, “When Critics Ask”, “Darwin’s Doubt”, The Privileged Planet, “More Than a Carpenter”, “Resurrection” by Hanegraaff, “Intelligent Design” by Dembski, “Beyond the Cosmos”, and “Evidence that Demands a Verdict.”

If anyone says, “Just Believe” I will say, “\_\_\_\_\_!” and I will teach them about 1 Peter 3:15 and 1 Peter 1:13.