

How The Bible Was Put Together and Why It Is (Still) Our Book

[Week 7]

- Opening Scriptures:
 - Matthew 5:17-48
 - James 1:22-27
 - John 5:31-47
- BRIEF Review & catch-up from last week:
 - Lens of Interpretation = “ _____ ”
 - “ _____ ogenesis vs. _____ ogenesis ”
 - The study of signs, symbols = “ _____ ” (how they were created/what they mean).

• THIS WEEK’S Focus:

PROGRESSIVE REVELATION

*“I charge you before God...that you follow me no further than you have seen me follow the Lord Jesus Christ. If God reveals anything to you by any other instrument of His, be as ready to receive it as you were to receive any truth by my ministry, for I am verily persuaded **the Lord hath more truth yet to break forth out of His Holy Word**. For my part, I cannot sufficiently bewail the condition of those reformed churches which...will go, at present, no further than the instruments of their reformation. The Lutherans cannot be drawn to go beyond what Luther saw; whatever part of His will our God had revealed to Calvin, they will rather die than embrace it; and the Calvinists, you see, stick fast where they were left by that great man of God, who yet saw not all things. This is a misery much to be lamented...” -Pilgrim pastor, John Robinson* (as the Mayflower was getting ready to sail).

“Never place a period where GOD placed a comma.” -Gracie Allen (comedian & wife of George Burns)...this phrase has been used by the United Church of Christ since our early 2000’s “Stillspeaking” ad campaign.

- Learning To Read [exercise]
 - Personal application
 - Social/Culture application

***NAMES OF GOD**

- Why so many?

~Anthropomorphism & Monotheism vs. Polytheism or Henotheism

• **CONTINUING KEY WORDS:**

- *Hermeneutic*
- *Semiotics*
- *Transmission*
- *Transliteration (vs. translation &/or paraphrase)*
- *Psuedopigrapha*
- *Inspiration*
- *Divine Superintendence*
- *Textual Reliability*
- *Exogenesis/Isogenesis*

NEXT WEEK (maybe???) 😊: The Synoptic Gospels & Textual Reliability