

I. Bible as communication act

- A. The Bible is first and foremost a _____ act
- B. Sender-encoding-distraction-decoding-receiver
- C. We, as receivers, are imperfect. Let's recognize the fact and get as close to the original message as we can

II. Criteria to be included in the Bible

- A. "_____" means 'measuring rod' or 'standard'. The books included are the standard for being God's people
- B. Is the book prophetic? (authorship). OT: _____ NT: _____
- C. Does the book tell the truth about God?
- D. Does the book carry the _____ of God? Does it change lives?
- E. Is the book accepted as _____ by the people of God?

III. History of the Bible

- A. Old Testament: canonized at Jamnia in _____
- B. New Testament: canonized at _____ and _____ in 393 and 397
- C. Early Transmissions:
 - 1. LXX: _____. From Hebrew to Greek circa 250 BC
 - 2. _____: From Greek to Latin by Jerome circa 400 AD
 - 3. Rome falls, many translations at first, then few
 - 4. Wycliffe: Latin to _____ 1382. Used Vulgate
 - 5. Erasmus: Get NT back to _____. Became *textus receptus*. 1516
 - 6. Tyndale: Used Erasmus to translate from Greek to _____. 1526
 - 7. Luther: Gk to German. Gutenberg Bible- first to print.
 - 8. Geneva Bible: 1560. Invented _____ and italics for Bible.
 - 9. KJV: 1611. Best of its day. Used *textus receptus* NT and Masoretic Text OT.
 - 10. 1800s: increase in Biblical scholarship and Archaeology
 - a) Codices found dating back to 400-500 AD
 - 11. Garbage dump (1897): found in Egypt, contained everyday Greek.
 - 12. 1947 _____. Most important find in past century.
 - a) Parts of every OT Book except Esther
 - b) Dates back to _____
 - 13. Modern translations. Esp NIV.

Some points on translations:

- 1. Seek first and foremost to understand the message. If you can't understand your Bible, get a new one.
- 2. Translation Philosophy: Word-for-word vs thought-for-thought. Each philosophy has benefits and negatives
- 3. _____ translations tend to be better. As time progresses, we have more data to find the earliest text.
- 4. Translation vs Paraphrase
- 5. Every translation comes from human beings, and has errors as a result.
- 6. Bibles are useless if not read.

Recommended translations based on the above criteria:

NET, NIV, NASB, ESV, NKJV, TNIV, NLT, HCSB, RSV