

OUR BIBLE: HOW WE GOT IT
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Part I - The New Testament

I. Why the question is important.

All Christians know that the Bible is the Word of God. In times of sorrow or perplexity they turn to it to learn God's answer to their problems. In times of joy and happiness they turn to it to find the inspired words with which to celebrate their happiness. They know that in its pages they have found Jesus Christ as their Saviour from sin. They find peace and comfort in it in a way that they are found nowhere else. This wonderful book is the Word of God. The Bible has had such an influence as no other book has ever had. Our whole modern civilization is built upon it. The moral qualities that have made it possible for our nations to go far ahead in a material way of any nations that have ever existed have come from the side effects of the Bible. Many of the great leaders of our nations have confessed their love for this book and the great debt that they owe to it. We look at the book upon our table and we say with happiness, "This is the Word of God!"

Sometimes people who profess to have a modern approach to Christianity call those who love the Bible, Bible worshippers. It is questionable, however, whether any true Christian has ever worshipped the Bible. We worship God and His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ who saved us from sin. We do not worship the Bible. But it is the Bible through which we learn about God. All other information that we have about God is questionable, is based on human guesses and human experience. This book