

## **Can We Trust the Bible?**

### **Introduction**

#### I. Why This Kind of Class?

- A.
- B.
- C.

#### II. Goal of This Study

- A. Is what we have now what they had then?

#### III. Laying a Foundation

- A. What you need to know concerning the nature of the Bible

#### IV. New Testament Textual Criticism

- A. "The studies of the copies of any written document whose original (autograph) is unknown and non-existent, for the primary purpose of determining the exact wording of the original." - D. Wallace

#### V. The Word of God

- A. When the miracle enters our world:

"Miraculous wine will intoxicate, miraculous conception will lead to pregnancy, inspired books will suffer ordinary processes of textual corruption, miraculous bread will be digested . . ."

- C.S. Lewis

- B. The Bible Proves Itself to be the Word of God

1. Westminster Larger Catechism #4

*Q. How doth it appear that the Scriptures are the Word of God?*

A. The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the Word of God, by their majesty and purity; by the consent of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation: but the Spirit of God bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of man, is alone able fully to persuade it that they are the very Word of God.

2. The Majesty of the Scriptures =

a)

b)

c)

3. The Purity of the Scriptures =

a)

b)

c)

4. The Consent of all the Parts =

a)

b)

c)

5. The Scope of the Whole =

a)

b)

c)