

of the Holy Spirit must be grieved when he see's how our reading is so much of other matters instead of trying to find what he's really taught in his word.

Timothy was told by Paul that the OT which Timothy knew could lead him to salvation. He said all the OT was inspired of God. What right have we to apply this to the NT? There are many fine Christian teachers who make the statement: apostolicity determines canonicity. Big words that sound beautiful but to my mind are a lot of nonsense. Apostolicity determines canonicity! Who were the apostles? You look in the Gospels and you have a list of them. Look at that list and you say, how many of the NT books were ~~wixxx~~ written by those men? You find Matthew was written by one of them. John wrote 5 of them. Peter wrote ~~two~~ two. Out of 27 that;s a comparatively small number!

Somebody immediately says, But Paul was an apostle. I believe Paul was an apostle, of course I do. But I don't find his name in the list of Apostles. How do I know Paul was an Apostle? Because he says so. You can't get you truth on the basis of what somebody says! I believe Paul was an apostle because the inspired books tell me he was an apostle. I don't believe the books were inspired because they were written by Paul, because there's no evidence whatever he was an apostle except his own statement in the books he wrote. That's certainly arguing in a circle!

These are the books which the H<sup>O</sup>ly Spirit directed the church to keep, study, and maintain as God's Word just as the books of the OT were. A few years ago (quite a few now) an ad appeared inside the back cover of TIME magazine in issue after issue. It was a picture showing certain things happening (not clear exactly what they were) and underneath it said: Do you know how many books there are that fail to get into the Bible because they were one ~~bx~~ vote short in a council that decided what should be in it! Send so much money to us and we will send you the lost books of the Bible.

Dr. Chas. Trumbull who was Editor of the Sunday School Times which at one time was the most widely religious news magazine in America wrote a letter which they printed in TIME in which he said this book which you have does not contain any book that there is any evidence that any Christian has ever considered to be part of the Bible. Nor is there any evidence that any council ever decided what books should be in the NT. Your ad (which they had already published 5 or 6 times) is utterly misleading! And they said underneath it, Thanks to subscribed Trumbull for his needed correction and a criticism of TIME's advertising department for accepting this ad.

When I was in college we got a new president who had been a professor in a fine Christian seminary but even so as I came to know him well (knew anything about the things of the Lord, at all. He did much to turn that college from being one of the finest Christian colleges in America into a college in which the teaching was quite totally anti-Christian. One of the students was a bit disturbed by what he was getting in his ~~xxxx~~ class in Bible, and the President heard that this man was thinking of leaving the college, and he called him into his office and he said, How do we know we have the right books in the NT? Was it decided by a council or did some individual select it?