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Why These 66 Books?

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Have you ever looked at your Bible and wondered, “How do we know that

these 66 books, and no others, comprise the inspired Word of God?”

That is a critically important question, since there are many today who would deny that these 66 books truly make up the complete canon of Scripture.

The Roman Catholic Church, for example, claims that the Apocryphal books which were written during the inter-testamental period (between the Old and New Testaments) ought to be included in the Bible. Cult groups like the Mormons want to add their own books to the Bible—things like the *Book of Mormon*, *The Doctrines and Covenants*, and *The Pearl of Great Price*. And then there are popular books and movies, like *The Da Vinci Code* from several years back, that claim later Christians (like Constantine) determined what was in the Bible centuries after these books were written.

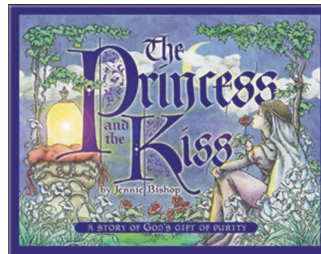
So, how do we know that “all Scripture” consists of these 66 books? How do we know that the Bible we hold in our hands is the complete Word of God?

(To find out, look for the full article on the lit table)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JONI AND FRIENDS FRIENDSHIP PROM

The 2016 Joni and Friends Friendship Prom is coming up on SATURDAY JUNE 4th. We need an amazing team of volunteers to help put on this amazing event. Please contact Adria Tollefson at artollefson@gmail.com for more information, or sign up on Facebook under *Joni and Friends Southern Oregon*.

GIVE ONLINE: Check out BCC’s updated website, and our new online giving. You can give from our website (and set up reoccurring gifts), and give by texting the amount to (541) 214-BEAR (2327). Another way to access our online giving page is by scanning this QR code with your phone. The initial setup is quick and easy. Previous online giving is still active, but you might want to make the change, and set up a new account through ShareFaith, our new web host.



AT THE BOOK TABLE: *The Princess and the Kiss* by Jennie Bishop. I haven’t promoted this little treasure for a long time: a fairy tale about a princess who saves her first kiss for the handsome prince. Beautifully illustrated, engagingly written, it is guaranteed to be adored by kids and parents alike. My now eighteen-year-old daughter loved it when she was little. If you have a little girl, you should own this book.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Be sure to mark the dates listed on the back of your bulletin. There are lots of great church family opportunities. Just added are the dates for the upcoming *Joni and Friends Family Retreats* at Twin Rocks, on the Oregon coast.



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Brink's outreach to Malawi

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"For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" - 1 Cor. 9:16

From right to left are: Mildred and Pastor Sam, Pastor Lichapa, Pastor Gibson, and Kenneth Kulupane – a deacon at Pastor Lichapa's church.

This is the foundational verse that the Brink team clung to as they headed to central Malawi. Pastor Sam, Mildred, Pastor Brian, and Esinathy traveled 350 miles across eastern Zimbabwe, through Mozambique to Liwonde, Malawi to begin their 10 day outreach of encouragement to the Baptist fraternity of pastors, elders, deacons and their wives. Look for the journal accounts of their trip on the lit table.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO COUNSEL YOUTH: Thursday, May 5th (7-9pm), The Pregnancy Center is hosting *The Silver Ring Thing*, a presentation to high school students to encourage abstinence until marriage. The message includes a gospel presentation and an opportunity for teenagers to come forward for prayer. Both men and women counselors who have a burden for the gospel and youth are needed. If you're interested, please email Joe VonDoloski with Logos Public Charter School, at jvondo@logoscharter.com.

HELP a Mother by Mother's Day, Sunday May 8, 2016. Buy a \$20 or \$25 gift card from Human Bean, Wal-Mart, Cinemark Theaters, Applebee's etc... and donate it to be placed in the gift baskets being made for the mothers of *Sometimes Miracles Hide* - organized by *Joni & Friends Southern Oregon*. Place the gift card in the receiving gift box in the hallway at church. If you would like a tax receipt please leave your name and address with the gift card. Thank you! Tom and Debbie Eastwold, tdmleatwold@msn.com, 541-776-6315.

Cornerstone Lecture Series Presents:

*Running the Race -
The Practicalities of Perseverance*

*With Guest Lecturer:
Rev. Daniel Hyde, M.Div., Th.M.*

Saturday, May 14, 2016, 9:00am-2:30pm

Rev. Daniel Hyde



Church Planter, Pastor, Author & Adjunct Instructor of Systematic Theology & Missions at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. Rev. Hyde has written a number of books including: *God In Our Midst*, *Why Believe in God*, & *With Heart and Mouth*.

Registration: Before May 8th:

\$25 Adults / \$15 Students

**At The Door: \$30 Adults / \$ 20 Students
Includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch**

To Register:

Call 541-773-8163 or email churchinfo@cccm.org

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Childcare Provided

UPCOMING

May 14 th	Cornerstone Lecture on Perseverance with Rev. Daniel Hyde
May 21 st	Sometimes Miracles Hide - see the Joni and Friends S. Oregon FB page for more info.
Jun 19 th	Father's Day Picnic (after the 2 nd service) at Holmes Park
Jun 30 - July 3	BCC 2016 Church Family Campout
Aug 6 th	BCC Rogue River Raft Trip - see Doug and Robin Reed for details
Aug 15 - 19	Joni and Friends Family Retreat - Twin Rocks
Aug 22 - 26	Joni and Friends Family Retreat - Twin Rocks
Sept 10 th	Bike Ride (or run) from Lake of the Woods to Fish Lake - see David and Donna Jordan for details
Nov 11-13	Joni Tada Event at BCC!!!