

The New Testament as It Gained Acceptance by the Early Church

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<p>Different parts of our New Testament were written by this time, but not collected and defined as "Scripture." Early Christian Writers (for example Polycarp and Ignatius) quote from the Gospels and Paul's letters, as well as from other Christian writing and oral sources.</p>	<p>New Testament used in the church at Rome (the "Muratorian Canon")</p> <p>Four Gospels Acts Paul's letters: Romans 1 & 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 & 2 Thessalonians 1 & 2 Timothy Titus Philemon</p> <p>James</p> <p>1 & 2 John Jude Revelation of John Revelation of Peter Wisdom of Solomon</p> <p>To be used in private, but not public, worship The Shepherd of Hermas</p>	<p>New Testament used by Origen</p> <p>Four Gospels Acts Paul's letters: Romans 1 & 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 & 2 Thessalonians 1 & 2 Timothy Titus Philemon 1 Peter 1 John</p> <p>Revelation of John</p> <p>Disputed Hebrews James 2 Peter 2 & 3 John Jude The Shepherd of Hermas Letter of Barnabus Teaching of Twelve Apostles Gospel of Hebrews</p>	<p>New Testament used by Eusebius</p> <p>Four Gospels Acts Paul's letters: Romans 1 & 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 & 2 Thessalonians 1 & 2 Timothy Titus Philemon 1 Peter 1 John</p> <p>Revelation of John (authorship in doubt)</p> <p>Disputed but well known James 2 Peter 2 & 3 John Jude</p>	<p>New Testament fixed for the West by the Council of Carthage</p> <p>Four Gospels Acts Paul's letters: Romans 1 & 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 & 2 Thessalonians 1 & 2 Timothy Titus Philemon Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude Revelation of John</p> <p>To be excluded The Shepherd of Hermas Letter of Barnabus Gospel of the Hebrews Revelation of Peter Acts of Peter Didache</p>

The first complete list of books, as we have them today, came in an Easter letter written in 367 by Bishop Athanasius from Alexandria. Shortly thereafter councils in North Africa at Hippo (393) and at Carthage (397) published the same list.