

Early Support of the Canon of the New Testament

** This diagram is correct to a close degree of approximation. While there was minor discrepancy across sources about a small number of books (were they included in these canons or weren't they?), the overwhelming take-aways are (1) the similarity between these early collections, and (2) the substantial agreement between their listing of authoritative books and our current NT canon.

	Irenaeus - quoted authoritatively (c. AD 180)	Muratorian Canon - c. AD 200?
"Overlap" with our NTs - where our current canon mirrors their list	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1-2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1-2 Thessalonians, 1-2 Timothy, Titus, Hebrews, James?, 1 Peter, 1-2 John, Revelation?	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1-2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1-2 Thessalonians, 1-2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews?, 1 Peter, 1 John?
Books they've included that we've not	1 Clement, Shepherd of Hermas	Wisdom of Solomon, Revelation of Peter, Shepherd of Hermas ("good but not to be read in church")
Books we've included they didn't	Philemon, 2 Peter, 3 John, Jude, Revelation?	Hebrews?, James, 2 Peter, 2-3 John?, Jude, Revelation

SOURCES:

- ▶ <http://www.bible-researcher.com/muratorian.html>
- ▶ <http://www.ntcanon.org/Irenaeus.shtml>
- ▶ <http://www.christian-history.org/muratorian-canon.html#sthash.2awvIHHf.dpbs>
- ▶ Blomberg, *Can We Still Believe the Bible?* esp. pp. 54-55, 67-68
- ▶ Morrow, *Questioning the Bible*, pp. 66-71