

How to Study the Bible
Session 1: Divine Revelation and Scripture

1. *Dei Verbum* (1965)

2. How do we know about God?
 - a. Human reason: Romans 1:18-21

 - b. Divine revelation: Matthew 5:17-20

3. Sources of revelation
 - a. Sacred Tradition
 - i. Mathew 28:16-20

 - ii. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2, 11-15

 - b. Magisterium
 - i. Acts 15:1-21

 - ii. 2 Peter 1:12-21

c. Sacred Scripture

i. 2 Timothy 3:10-17

ii. *Dei Verbum* 11: “For holy mother Church, relying on the belief

of the Apostles, holds that the books of both the Old and New

Testaments in their entirety, with all their parts, are sacred and

canonical because written under the inspiration of the Holy

Spirit, they have God as their author and have been handed on

as such to the Church herself. In composing the sacred books,

God chose men and while employed by Him they made use of

their powers and abilities, so that with Him acting in them and

through them, they, as true authors, consigned to writing

everything and only those things which He wanted.”

4. Where did the Bible come from?

a. Authorship

b. Canonicity

5. Translations (formal equivalence vs. dynamic equivalence)

a. Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (RSVCE)

b. New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE)

c. New American Bible Revised Edition (NABRE)

d. New Jerusalem Bible (NJB)

6. Praying with Scripture: Psalm 1