# *Who Preserved It?*

* 1. **The Church? The Catholic Church? Council of Men?** 
     1. Council of Hippo(393 AD); Third Council of Carthage(397 AD); Council of Trent(1546 AD)
  2. **God Preserves His Word!** 
     1. Clement of Rome – 1 Clement (95-96 AD)
     2. Ignatius – 7 Letters (110 AD)
     3. Polycarp – Letter to Philippi (110 AD)
     4. Irenaus – Against Heresies (175 – 180 AD)
     5. Origen – Homilies On Joshua (around 254 AD) (Origen quote)

Notes:

# *How Was It Preserved?*

1. **Important Fact: We No Longer Possess an Original Autograph From the Inspired Writers!**
2. **We Now Possess Manuscripts and Copies and Copies of Copies, etc…**
3. **Early Manuscripts:**
4. “P52” (125 AD); Codex Vaticanus (300 AD); Codex Sinaiticus (350 AD); Codex Alexandrinus (450 AD)

Notes:

# *Bible VS Other Books of Antiquity*

1. **Does The Bible Have Enough Purely Historical Evidence to Be Trusted?**
2. (Graph for number of manuscripts that have been unearthed of Bible & other works of history.)
3. Latest Number of New Testament Copies: 5,745 **(**Hannegraaff, Hank. Has God Spoken? Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2011. P.302**)**

Notes:

# *Variants???*

1. **If the Manuscripts are Found to Only Be 99.5% Accurate. What are The Variants and Do They Change Doctrine?**
2. **4 Categories of Variants:**
3. Spelling & Differences & Nonsense
4. Synonyms & Unaffected Translation.
5. Meaningful But Not Viable
6. Meaningful & Viable

Notes: