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The NT is next (?) to the OT in the excellence of its preservation. It began quite differently from the OT. Apostles and others wrote books that God intended to be part of the NT and sent these to various churches. These books == Copies of these books were made and given to other churches. Eventually all the 27 books of the NT were collected === were put together in one collection. By this time a considerable number of minor variants had developed in the manuscripts. There are far more variants in the Greek NT than in the Hebrew OT. Yet most of these variants are of very little importance. Sometimes in ~~xxxx~~ one book of the NT we will find Jesus referred to as Christ, as Jesus Christ, as the Lord Jesus, as Christ Jesus, or as the Lord Jesus Christ. The writers seem to vary the terminology considerably within just about every book. As a scribe copied he would sometimes unthinkingly copy a different form than was in his manuscript. As a result there was a tendency for longer forms to develop. Thus the name of Christ came to be inserted in a good many places where originally it simply said the Lord, or Jesus, or the Lord Jesus. It is obvious that such difference === variations make no difference whatever to the meaning of the passage. The great bulk of the textual variants ~~af~~ are of this type. There are a few variants that make a difference in thought but there is no difference between manuscripts that affects any vital doctrine. We are very close to having the original text of the NT though there are more points at which we are not sure of some minor difference than there are in the case of the OT.

Someone has asked whether the NT is the only Bible in use today which has been === that follows correct manuscripts.

In answer it must be noted that the first NT printed in Greek was made by Erasmus the enemy of Luther. Erasmus had access to only a few NT manuscripts and no one of these contained the entire NT. There were several places where he filled in the Greek, retranslating it from a copy of the Latin Bible of his day.