

THE BIBLE

Introduction:

We live in a world that is constantly changing. Nations change. Nations that once held to strong moral principles are becoming very worldly in their philosophies and practices. People change. People that once lived their lives according to a righteous standard now live their lives indulging in the pleasures of sin. In this ever-changing world, we have something that will never change. I Peter 1:24, 25 says, “...*The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But **the word of the Lord endureth for ever....***” Jesus said in Luke 21:33, “*Heaven and earth shall pass away; but **my words shall not pass away.***” Praise God! His Words will endure forever. They will never pass away! The Word of God will never change. It will remain forever!

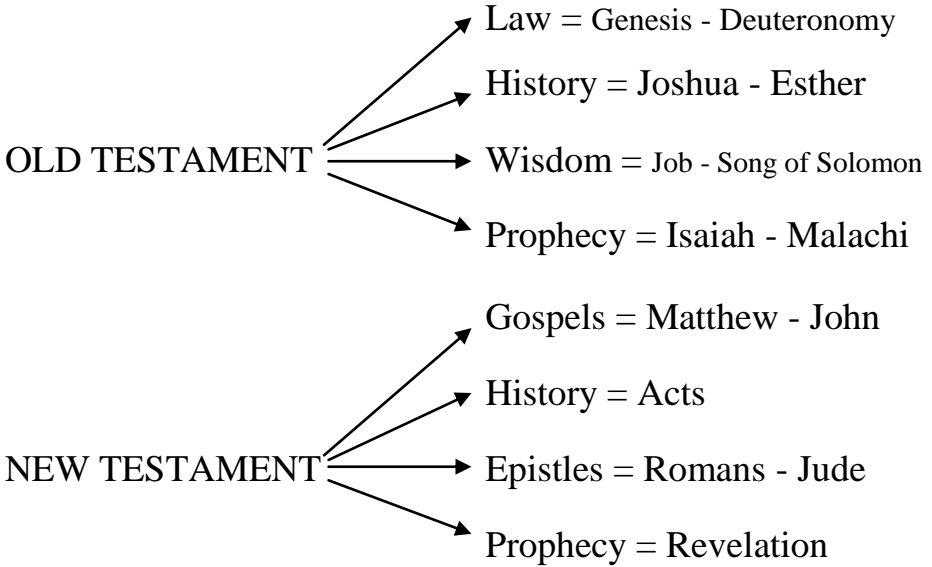
God has revealed His Word to us through the Bible. The Bible is the most important book that has ever been or ever will be written! In this lesson we will answer the following questions:

- I. What is the Bible?
- II. How did we receive the Bible?
- III. What should we do with the Bible?

I. What is the Bible?

The Bible is a compilation of 66 individual books, divided into the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Here is a simple overview of the books of the Bible:



The Bible is the sacred book of Christianity, a collection of ancient writings including the books of both the Old Testament and the New Testament. However, the Bible is much more than this!

1. Romans 10:17

In this verse the Bible is called the _____ of _____.

II Timothy 3:15

In this verse the Bible is called the _____ - _____ - _____. The word scripture means sacred writings.

The Bible is the Word of God. It is the sacred writings that God has given to mankind.

2. I Peter 2:2

In this verse the Word of God is referred to as _____ that will help one to grow.

Matthew 4:4

Man cannot live by bread alone, but by every _____ that proceedeth out of the mouth of _____.

Hebrews 5:12-14

In these verses we find the terms, “milk” and “strong meat”. Every one that useth _____ is unskillful in the word, and _____ belongeth to them who are of full age. These verses are not referring to actual milk and meat. They are referring to the doctrine in the Word of God.

The Bible is our spiritual food. It sustains our Christian life.

If we go for a long period of time without physical food, our bodies will become weak. Likewise, if we go for a long period of time without the Bible (our spiritual food), we will be weak Christians.

3. Hebrews 4:12

The Word of God is quick (alive), and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged _____.

Ephesians 6:17

The _____ of the Spirit is the _____ of God.

The Bible is our spiritual sword. It is our weapon to use in Spiritual warfare.

4. Psalm 119:105

The Word of God is a _____ and a _____ to guide us.

The Bible is our light to guide us on the path of life. It shows us the will of God.

5. II Timothy 3:16, 17

The Scriptures are profitable for:

1. D _____ - to teach us the truth.
2. R _____ - to show us where we are wrong.
3. C _____ - to help us to change from our errors and to do right.
4. I _____ in r _____ - to instruct us how to live.

The Bible is our instruction manual for life. It teaches us how to live.

In Conclusion: The Bible is one book comprised of __ individual books. The Bible is not just a book. The Bible is THE BOOK! It is different from any book that has ever been or ever will be written. It is the Word of God! The Bible is necessary for spiritual growth. The Bible is a powerful weapon to help us fight our spiritual battles. The Bible provides guidance for us, and gives us instruction on how to live.

II. How did we receive the Bible?

1. II Peter 1:20, 21

The prophecy came not in old time by the _____ of _____. This means that the Bible is not the work of man. It wasn't made up by man.

Holy men of God spake as they were _____ by the _____ _____. God used holy men to record or write down His Words.

He used about 40 different men over a period of about 1,600 years to write down His Words. Most of the Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew and the New Testament was originally written in Greek.

These verses teach us an important truth - **God is the Author of the Bible.**

ILLUSTRATION: Here is an analogy to help you understand how God authored the Bible. When you write something on a piece of paper, you do not actually put the marks on the paper, the pen does. The pen marks on the paper as you move it to write. God moved holy men to put on paper what He wanted them to write. In a sense, the men God used were like pens putting on paper what He wanted them to record.

God is the Author of the Bible, and He used holy men to write down His Words.

2. II Timothy 3:16

This verse tells us that all _____ is given by _____ of _____.

The phrase, “given by inspiration” comes from one Greek word which means, “divinely breathed.” God breathed His Words to man, and man recorded the very Words of God.

God gave us His Words by inspiration. He breathed His very Words to men who then wrote them down.

In Conclusion: God is the Author of the Bible, and He gave His Words to us by inspiration. He breathed His Words to holy men who wrote them down. The Bible is a supernatural book! The Bible is **the Word of God!**

Though we no longer have the original manuscripts that God originally gave, we do still have God's Word preserved for us today. We are grateful for all of the saints of God who have given their lives and risked all that they had in order to translate the Bible into our own language. Here at Fundamental Baptist Church International we exclusively use the King James Version of the Bible.

III. What should we do with the Bible?

1. John 5:39

What does this verse tell us to do with the Scriptures?

Acts 17:11

These people received the word with all readiness of mind and _____ the _____ daily.

Psalm 119:162

The Psalmist rejoiced at the Word of God, as someone who _____. If someone found a great treasure they were searching for, they would be very happy! This is what the Psalmist compares his findings in the Scriptures to.

We should search the Bible. We should read and study the Bible daily, searching for the truths that God has for us to learn. (Note: Our church has a weekly devotional guide to help you establish a daily time to read and study the Bible.)

2. James 1:22-25

We should be _____ of the word and not _____ only.

We study the Bible to find out how God wants us to live. As we find out what God wants us to do, we need to act upon what we read. We need to change our lives, and live according to God's Word.

We should obey the Bible.

3. Psalm 119:4, 8, 17, 33, 34, 57, 88, 100, 101, 129, 158

All of these verses from Psalm 119 teach us to _____ God's Word. **We should keep the Bible.** To keep means

to hold onto something. It means to love and cherish something because it is precious. We should love and cherish the Bible. The Bible should be more to us than a book of guidelines and rules to follow. It should be a book that is precious and dear to our heart.

If we are going to properly keep the Bible, we will need to:

1) Memorize the Bible.

Psalm 119:11 tells us that hiding God's Word in our _____ will keep us from sinning against God. The heart is our innermost being. To hide God's Word in our heart means that we keep it very close and do not allow ourselves to be separated from it.

2) Meditate on the Bible.

Joshua 1: 8 tells us that we should _____ on the book of the law (Bible) ___ and _____.

Psalm 1:2 tells us that the man who is truly blessed has his delight in the law of the LORD and that he _____ in God's law ___ and _____.

To meditate means to think about something over and over again. God wants us to think about His Word. When we memorize the Bible, it allows us to be able to meditate on the Bible all throughout our day.

The Bible is God's love letter to man. We ought to cherish it, love it, think about it, memorize it, and keep it in our hearts.

4. II Timothy 4:2

The command is given in this verse to _____ the Word.

Mark 16:15

What is God's command in this verse?

Matthew 28:18-20

In verse 19, Jesus gave the command to go and _____ all nations.

In verse 20, He said to _____ others to observe all things that He had c_____ them.

Deuteronomy 6:6, 7

The children of Israel were to diligently _____ God's commands to their _____.

Acts 5:42

The disciples did not cease to _____ and _____ about Jesus.

We should teach and preach the Bible. We should not only read and study the Bible so that we can grow spiritually, but we should also share God’s Word with others. We should teach others what we have learned.

In Conclusion: We should search the Scriptures daily, looking for the truths that God wants to teach us. We should obey the truth that we learn. We should keep God’s Word and cherish it. We should meditate on God’s Word and memorize it. We should share with others the truths we have learned from God’s Word.

The Bible should be the final authority for the Christian in all areas. What we believe and what we do should be governed by the teaching of the Bible. We should not allow man’s religions and traditions to decide what we believe; rather we should base our faith entirely on the Word of God.

REVIEW – The Bible

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- A. The _____ is a compilation of 66 individual books.
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- D. The Bible is our _____ food.

- E. The Bible is our spiritual _____. Our weapon to use in spiritual warfare.
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- B. _____ is the author of the Bible.
- C. II Timothy 3:16 tells us that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God. What does that mean? _____

III. What should we do with the Bible?

- A. We should _____ the Bible. We should read and study the Bible _____, searching for the truths that God has for us to learn.
- B. We should _____ the Bible. We should be _____ of the Word and not hearers only.
- C. We should keep the Bible. What does that mean?

D. We should _____ the Bible. We should _____ God's Word in our heart.

E. We should _____ on the Bible. We should think about the Bible all throughout the day.

F. We should _____ and _____ the Bible. We should share with others what we have learned.

Assignment: Choose at least 2 of the following verses, memorize them, and say them to your teacher.

- Joshua 1:8
- Psalm 119:105
- II Timothy 3:16
- I Peter 2:2

Application: What will you do based on the truth you learned in this lesson?

Your name: _____

Name of teacher: _____

Signature of teacher: _____

Date completed: _____