

A SIMPLE WAY TO STUDY THE BIBLE

Answer the following questions for any passages in the Bible.

WHO? Who is writing or speaking? To whom? About whom? Who else is present? What do you know about each person?

WHAT? What's going on? What events led to this? What are the meanings of the words? What is the outcome? etc.

WHEN? When did this take place? Was it before or after the death of Jesus Christ? Is it intended for us today? etc.

WHERE? Where is this taking place? Where else does the Bible teach on the same subject? (Look up some of these references.)

WHY? Why did this take place? Why is it included in the Bible? etc.

HOW? How did it happen? How are the people to obey? etc.

SO WHAT? Make application to your life. What are:

The **facts** to be *believed*,

The **commands** to be *obeyed*,

The **warnings** to be *heeded*,

The **promises** to be *enjoyed*,

The **examples** to be *followed*, or

The **principles** to be *applied*?

For each passage studied ask:

What does it say? What does it mean? What does it mean to me?

For each passage studied:

READ
Repeatedly

WRITE
Notes

REVIEW
Often

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YOU AND YOUR BIBLE

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The 66 books of the Bible are God's full and final revelation to mankind. It is God's instruction book for your life.

1. Do a thorough study of how to become a Christian by receiving Jesus as your Lord and Savior outlined below. Use your Bible and the questions on the back page of this tract.
2. Become familiar with the overview of the Bible on the inside of this tract.
3. Do a thorough study of each of the following books of the Bible using the questions on the back page of this tract: Genesis, John, Romans, James, Philippians, and I John.

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

Below is a brief summary of how a person becomes a Christian. Study each of the Scriptures in your Bible.

1. **You are a sinner.** Romans 3:10, 23
2. **Your sins separate you from God.** Isaiah 59:2; Romans 6:23
2. **God loves you & Jesus died for you.** Isaiah 53:4-6; John 3:16; Luke 19:10; Rom. 5:8-10
4. **You must receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior.** John 1:11-12

HOW TO RECEIVE JESUS AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR

1. **Believe in Jesus** John 3:16; Acts 16:31; Ephesians 2:8-10. (*Belief is faith, trust, dependence, reliance upon Jesus alone for your salvation.*)
2. **Repent of your sins.** Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30-31; II Peter 3:9 (*Repentance is a change of the mind caused by a sorrow for sin and leading to a reformation of life.*)
3. **Confess Jesus before men.** Matthew 10:32-33; 16:15-16; Romans 10:9-10 (*Confession is a public acknowledgement of your faith in Jesus.*)
4. **Be baptized into Christ.** Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-5; I Peter 3:21 (*Baptism is immersion in water of a repentant believer in Jesus.*)
5. **Live a Christian life.** Acts 2:42; Matthew 6:33; Revelation 2:10b (*Christian living is allowing Jesus to control your everyday life.*)

Old Testament

Genesis through Esther covers the entire Old Testament time frame from about 4000 BC to about 400 BC.

Old Testament History

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy
6. Joshua
7. Judges
8. Ruth
9. I Samuel
10. II Samuel
11. I Kings
12. II Kings
13. I Chronicles
14. II Chronicles
15. Ezra
16. Nehemiah
17. Esther

Genesis—Deuteronomy is the Pentateuch written by Moses.

Joshua, Judges and Ruth tells the history of the first few years in the Promise Land.

I & II Samuel, I & II Kings, I & II Chronicles tells about the Kingdom years (first under Saul, David and Solomon and then the divided kingdoms.)

Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther mostly covers time after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon.

Old Testament Poetry

18. Job
19. Psalms
20. Proverbs
21. Ecclesiastes
22. Song of Solomon

Old Testament Prophecy

23. Isaiah (Judah)
24. Jeremiah (Judah)
25. Lamentations (Judah)
26. Ezekiel (Babylon)
27. Daniel (Babylon)
28. Hosea (Israel)
29. Joel (Judah)
30. Amos (Israel)
31. Obadiah (Edom)
32. Jonah (Ninevah)
33. Micah (Judah)
34. Nahum (Ninevah)
35. Habakkuk (Judah)
36. Zephaniah (Judah)
37. Haggai (Judah)
38. Zechariah (Judah)
39. Malachi (Judah)

The country listed after the prophet's name is the country he ministered to or in.

The Old Testament is primarily about God and the Jewish nation.

Genesis 1—11 lays the foundation for the whole Bible. The rest of the Old Testament is about the Jews, their purpose, their ups and downs spiritually.

Matthew

Jesus Is King

Mark

Jesus is Servant

Luke

Jesus is Human

John

Jesus is God

Acts

records the first 30 years of the Church telling us how to become a Christian.

Romans—Jude are letters telling us how to live the Christian life.

Revelation teaches that in the end God and God's people will win.

The New Testament is primarily about Jesus and the Church.

The four Gospels are about Jesus' life on earth. The Church Age begins in Acts 2. We live in the Church Age under the new covenant.

40. Matthew
41. Mark
42. Luke
43. John
44. Acts

45. Romans
46. I Corinthians
47. II Corinthians
48. Galatians
49. Ephesians
50. Philippians
51. Colossians
52. I Thessalonians
53. II Thessalonians
54. I Timothy
55. II Timothy
56. Titus
57. Philemon
58. Hebrews
59. James
60. I Peter
61. II Peter
62. I John
63. II John
64. III John
65. Jude

66. Revelation

New Testament History

New Testament Letters

New Testament Prophecy

New Testament

Which Translation?

I recommend any of the following translations:

New American Standard Bible

English Standard Version

New King James Version

New International Version