

Holy Bible Fundamentals

This is a twelve-lesson course.

Section 1

Have You Been Baptized?

If God told you to do one thing, would you do it?

Do you love God enough to do one thing for him?

God wants you to be baptized if you have been saved. It is a public testimony of your identification with Christ Jesus, and that you are not ashamed of him as he was not ashamed of us. Our old man of sin was crucified when Christ Jesus was crucified and we are raised with him to walk in newness of life by the same Holy Spirit that raised him from the dead (Romans 6:3-13). When you go under the water you are showing your belief in Christ's death and burial for your salvation. When you come back up out of the water, you are showing your belief in his resurrection from the dead for salvation. Baptism is to be done after salvation, and is to be administered by **going completely under the water** in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The Bible says in Matthew 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Water baptism does not save you nor does it help save you. Salvation is "the gift of God", Baptism is a "work". The Bible says in Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." The Bible teaches us to get **baptized in deep water immediately after we get saved**. The Bible says that the Ethiopian man was baptized immediately after he believed. He was baptized in deep water, (not sprinkled). Notice the words "come up out of the water" making us realize he had to go in the water in order to "come up out of the water" and you cannot do that unless it is deep water: Acts 8:35-39, "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing." Philip told the Ethiopian man about Jesus, the Ethiopian believed, and was immediately baptized. You need to be baptized if you are trusting Christ alone for your forgiveness and eternal life. The Bible says in Acts 2:41, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Baptism is only to be done after salvation, not before. Also there are no examples or commands concerning the baptism of infants in the Bible. Baptism is a profession of our faith and an infant has not reached the age of accountability to understand right and wrong and is unable to believe. The dedication of infants to the Lord is different and is taught in the Bible. An example of this is 1 Samuel 1:11.

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Section 2

The Holy Scriptures

The Holy Bible Is Unique. It is an Amazing book. It is God's book. It is God's Message to mankind. It is the only Book on earth that God authored.



The Bible is 66 books in one and does not contradict itself. This fact alone is amazing! If you were to compile sixty-six books into one and these books that had been completed spanning a period of around 1,500 years written by about forty people of which many had never met and also included many prophecies that had to take place both before and after the book was complete, you would come up with a book that would have many contradictions and leave many in confusion. The Bible is a masterpiece of unity. Only God could write such a book!

The Bible condemns the sins of all regardless of who they are. The Bible condemns the sins of men who penned it, of kings who were established by it, and churches who were founded upon it, and so forth, regardless of who they were. If you were to write a book upon which to establish a religion, would you not try to exclude all the negatives so to better promote your religion? The Bible condemns all sin regardless of who sinned because it is God's book.

The Bible contains information on a multitude of subjects such as history, law, health, poetry, science, letters, geology, construction, culinary arts, proverbs, prophecy, parables, religion, controversial subjects, etc.

Bible prophecies have come to pass. The Bible foretold the Babylonian Empire, Median-Persian Empire, Grecian Empire, Roman Empire, the reign of Cyrus of Persia, Jesus' birth, Jesus' death, Jesus' resurrection, the rejection of Jesus by his own people, Israel returning to her land, and many more things.

Persecution of the Bible has been strong, yet it still is available. The Roman Empire, Communists, false religions, etc. have tried to suppress and exterminate it by outlawing it, burning it, or persecuting its possessors through destruction of property, loss of civil liberty, or even death. Stopping the circulation of the Bible has been impossible. Infidels, atheists, agnostics, higher critics, rulers, civilizations, religious folks (theologians), evolutionists, etc. cannot prevail against the Holy Bible even when the law of the land is on their side. Despite all of this, the Holy Bible is cherished by multitudes and remains the most desired book of all time. The Bible is the most loved and the most hated book – hated by the evil ones and loved by those who belong to God.

The Bible, though ancient, retains its accuracy in spite of severe persecution. This fact is evidence of God's hand in its preservation because it is his book just as he promised (Mark 13:31).

The Bible has conquered more people than the greatest conquerors. It conquers all types of people such as the proud, the rich, the poor, the fornicator, kings, peasants, people of all ages, the weak, the strong, the addicts, and the religious. Countless have turned to God and experienced complete change in their life because of it. It has affected individuals and entire nations.

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Countless books have been written and are still being written because of the Holy Bible. Books both in favor of the Bible and books against it have been published.

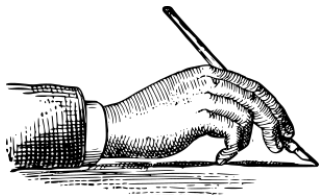
Did You Know This About The Holy Bible?

- No other book has had as many copies in constant circulation throughout history as the Holy Bible.
- The Holy Bible has been translated in to more languages than any other book.
- The Holy Bible was the first book printed on a printing press.
- The Holy Bible has far more manuscript evidence than any other classical literature.
- The Bible is one of the most expensive as well as the least expensive of books. Some copies cost tens of thousands of dollars, some cost only one dollar in the year 2013, and some are distributed free. The price of a complete Gutenberg Bible was estimated in the year 2013 to be 25 - 35 million dollars.



God gave Mankind The Holy Bible

2 Timothy 3:16 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”



God gave us the Bible by working through more than 40 holy men of God moved by the Holy Ghost (2 Peter 1:21), over a time span of 1,500 years (over 40 generations). Many of these men never met each other, and came from various walks of life (such as philosophers, farmers, fishermen, kings, peasants, statesmen, poets, preachers, prophets, scholars, generals, doctors, ranchers, etc.). They wrote from various locations (such as the wilderness, desert, hillside, dungeon, palace, prison, while traveling, etc.) on three continents: Asia, Africa, and Europe, during times of both war and peace, joy and sadness.

The holy scriptures of both the Old Testament (Genesis through Malachi) and the New Testament (Matthew through Revelation) are without any error because they were given by God (II Tim. 3:16). **Jeremiah 30:2** “Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.” If a book was from God, wouldn’t you expect it to be different from all other books? Holy men of God were moved by the Holy Ghost to write what God gave them to write. The Holy Bible is different from all other books because it indeed came from God.

God Chose what Books and Words Would Be In the Holy Bible

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God told holy men what to write and they wrote exactly what God said. Traditions of men, the Apocrypha books, and all other books written by men are not the word of God (**Gal.1:9**). **Galatians 1:8** “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”



The canon of scripture is complete and nothing is to be added to it, nor subtracted from it (**Rev. 22:18,19**). Canon of scripture means what books and passages are in the Holy Bible. The canon of scripture was not determined by the church, nor by any council of men, but it was chosen by God and given to mankind through the inspiration of God. The canon of scripture was recognized by the church, but it was chosen by God, and it was already circulated amongst Christians and understood to be God’s word. The councils, that determined what the canon of scripture was, simply recognized what God had inspired to be scripture. These God-inspired scriptures were already in use by the church. Had no council come together to determine or recognize what was or was not inspired scripture, the church would still have believed the Holy Bible that we use today was God’s word -- no more, no less -- because God chose it. When someone says, “The Bible was not officially accepted until 350 years after the crucifixion of Jesus,” they are telling you a lie. The council that chose/recognized the canon of scripture, in reality just recognized what was already used and accepted by the church. God chose what books would compose the Holy Bible and the church immediately accepted it. Anyone who will read their Bible can see this truth.

Both the Old and New Testament Apocrypha are not inspired by God. The Apocrypha book of I Maccabees is valuable for history to tell what happened during the four hundred silent years (the years between the Old and New Testaments. II Maccabees (1st Century B.C.) is a parallel account considered by some to be less accurate than I Maccabees. The other books of the either Apocrypha are not considered of much value by Bible believing Christians due to them containing falsehoods, etc.

God has promised to preserve his infallible, inspired holy scriptures so that every generation may be able to have the true word of God. God has preserved His word and will continue to preserve His word as He promised.

II Timothy 3:16 “All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”

Psalms 12:6-7 “The words of the LORD are pure words: *as* silver tried in the furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.”

Psalm 12:6,7

1 Peter 1:23-25

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Revelation 22:18

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

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Matt. 5:18 “For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”

Matthew 24:35 “Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.”



The true word of God in the ancient languages is found in the Massoretic Text of the Old Testament and the Majority Text of the New Testament (Textus Receptus). **The true word of God in the English language is the Authorized (King James) Version.** English is our native language, therefore, the Authorized Version is our final authority for all faith and practice. The Authorized (King James) Version " as it is in truth, the word of God..." (I Thess. 2:13)

Anyone who says there are mistakes in the word of God is lying. The word of God is inspired. God gave his word to us. God's word is without error. God's preserved word in English is the Authorized (King James) Version. Modern versions may contain the words of God but the Authorized (King James) Version *is* the Word of God. In other versions of the Holy Bible you can find errors in various places, especially in verses talking about very important doctrines such as heaven, hell, salvation, the virgin birth of Jesus, the blood of Jesus, etc. The Authorized (King James) Version and modern versions are not the same. When any honest Christian considers the differences between the Authorized (King James) Version and modern versions, he will admit that modern versions are filled with error. God gave us his word by inspiration. God has kept his word from all error by preservation. God shall keep his word from all error by preservation. God promised us that he would preserve his words (Psalms 12:6,7, Matthew 24:35). God cannot lie or break even a small promise and it is very important to us that God keep his promise to preserve his words. In Matthew 4:4 it says man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. (Supporters of the new versions must fabricate a theory why the Alexandrian texts they are based on were removed and replaced by Majority texts in the Christian world from 400 AD to the mid 1800's when two unbelieving professors Wescott and Hort in 1881 brought back the Alexandrian renderings for the new versions. In reality God has preserved his word as he promised and there is not a shred of evidence that an edict directing the replacement of the Bible occurred in 400 AD. Also evidence continues to accumulate with new discoveries that the Majority text renderings that the King James is based on were dominant before 400 AD as well. When any honest Christian studies God's promises about the inspiration and preservation of the Scriptures; studies the history of the scriptures; compares the Scriptures received by the early church with those rejected by the early church, and is sensitive to the Holy Spirit, he will realize that the Authorized (King James) Version is the word of God, preserved without error for the English-speaking people.)

Books in the Holy Bible

The English Holy Bible is arranged in this order: The Old Testament comes first with a total of 39 books (Genesis through Malachi) and The New Testament comes next with a total of 27 books (Matthew through Revelation). The first book in the English Holy Bible is Genesis and the last book is Revelation.

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Notice! These are Optional Activities.

1. Memorize at least one Bible verse from this lesson.

What Bible verse or verses from this lesson did you memorize? _____

2. List some things you have learned from or about the Bible.

BIBLE QUIZ

Your Name _____ Date _____

Please circle the T for true or F for false for the following statements. Remember some of these statements are false, and are not to be believed, and are lies of Satan, but the hint Bible verse tells the truth.

- T F 1. When we believe in Jesus and are saved it doesn't matter to God if we are baptized. (Hint: Matthew 28:19, 20)
- T F 2. Baptism is an act of obedience and is immersion in deep water only after we have been born again by believing on Jesus. (Hint: Acts 2:38, Mark 1:10, Acts 8:39, Acts 2:41)
- T F 3. The sprinkling of infants for baptism is taught in the Bible.
- T F 4. Baptism is a testimony to others that we are not ashamed of Jesus and are identified with him in his death, burial and resurrection for our sins. (Hint: Luke 9:26, Romans 6:4).
- T F 5. If we are baptized before we believe in Jesus it is not Biblical baptism. (Hint: Acts 8:36, 37)
- T F 6. All baptisms described in the Bible were immersion in deep water. (Hint: Matthew 3:16, Acts 8:38, 39, John 3:23).
- T F 7. If we are saved and choose not to be baptized, we are disobedient to God's Word and will hinder God's work in our life (Matthew 28:19, John 8:31, 2 Timothy 3:14-17).
- T F 8. Water baptism is necessary for us to be saved. (Hint: Romans 10:13, John 3:16, Acts 8:36, 37)
- T F 9. Satan's first deception to Eve was to question the Word of God when he said, Hath God said? Then he changed it, adding the word "not" to say that ye shall not surely die. (Genesis 3:1-4).
- T F 10. God didn't promise that he would preserve every word of the Bible for our instruction and every need we have in life. (Psalms 12:6,7, Matthew 24:35, Matthew 4:4, 2 Timothy 3:16).
- T F 11. We can expect that Satan will try to change God's Word today with new Bibles as he did with Eve, in the Garden of Eden, when he said "Hath God said?" (1 Peter 5:8, 2 Corinthians 2:11).
- T F 12. Obedience to God's Word is important to experience and prove God's good, and acceptable and perfect will for our lives (Hint: Romans 12:2, John 15:10)

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