

ONE CENTRAL CHARACTER



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THE BIBLE

66 BOOKS

40 WRITERS

1500 YEARS IN WRITING

4000 YEARS OF HISTORY

THE OLD TESTAMENT

LAW

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

POETRY

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon

MINOR PROPHETS

Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

HISTORY

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

PROPHETS

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

THE NEW TESTAMENT

BIOGRAPHY

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

HISTORY

Acts
(of the Apostles)

LETTERS

Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James

LETTERS continued)

1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude

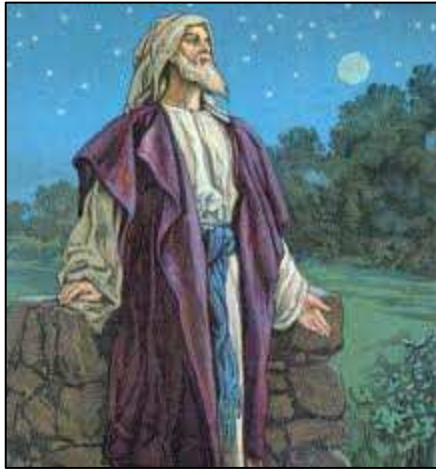
PROPHECY

Revelation

GENESIS meaning BEGINNING



FOUR PROMISES TO ABRAM



(Genesis 12:1-7)

- 1. Great Nation**
- 2. Great Name**
- 3. All Families of Earth Blessed**
- 4. Land**

1 The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

2 “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

5 He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

6 Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

7 The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

LAW

GENESIS

Beginning

Abraham

Isaac

Jacob

Joseph (15:13)

EXODUS

Going Out

Moses

LEVITICUS

Pertaining to the Levites

NUMBERS

Census

Wilderness Wanderings (1:46)

DEUTERONOMY

Second Giving of the Law



Foundation for Christ

HISTORY

JOSHUA

Led Israel into Canaan

JUDGES

300 years of no human king (Generals)

RUTH

Gentile woman; great-grandmother of David

1&2 SAMUEL

Last judge; first two kings anointed

1&2 KINGS

1&2 CHRONICLES

Period of kings; ending in captivity

EZRA

Rebuilding the temple; temple worship restored

NEHEMIAH

Rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem

ESTHER

Deliverance while in captivity

Preparation for Christ

LITERATURE



JOB

Example of Patience

PSALMS

Hymn Book

PROVERBS

Sayings of Wisdom

ECCLESIASTES

The Vanity of Life

SONG OF SOLOMON

A Love Song

Aspiration for Christ

PROPHECY

TWO-FOLD WORK

Preachers of Reform and Seers of the Future

Isaiah

Hosea

Micah

Zechariah

Jeremiah

Joel

Nahum

Malachi

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Obadiah

Zephaniah

Daniel

Jonah

Haggai

Expectation of Christ



NEW TESTAMENT

MATTHEW – JOHN

Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus

ACTS

How to Become a Christian

ROMANS – JUDE

Instructions for Living in Christ

REVELATION

Jesus is Coming Again



“... in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.”

JEWS

Acts 3:22-26

22 For Moses said, “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you.

23 Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.

24 Indeed, beginning with Samuel, all the prophets who have spoken have foretold these days.

25 And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, ‘Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.’

26 When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to your to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”

GENTILES

Galatians 3:7-14

7 Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham.

8 Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.”

9 So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

10 For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.”

11 Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because “the righteous will live by faith.”

12 The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, “The person who does these things will live by them.”

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”

14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

SUMMARY OF THE BIBLE

OLD TESTAMENT



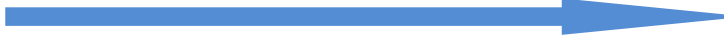
A Savior is Coming

GOSPELS



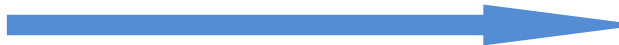
He Came in Person as Jesus

ACTS



How to Get Into Jesus

EPISTLES

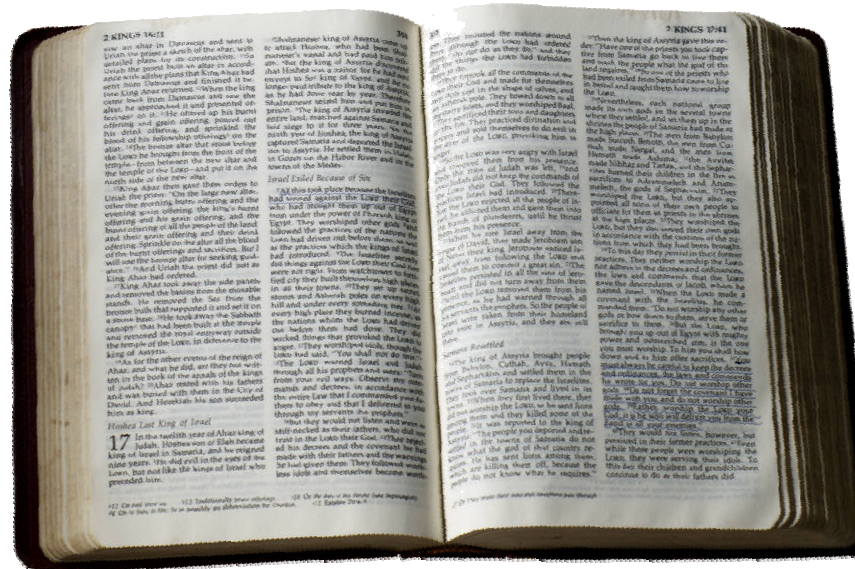


Living in Jesus

REVELATION



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SIN DESTROYS FELLOWSHIP



“Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear to dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.”

Isaiah 59:1-2

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 3:23

HOW CAN MAN RE-ENTER FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD?



HE IS CALLED INTO IT?

“God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

I Corinthians 1:9

HOW IS MAN CALLED?

“But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

II Thessalonians 2:13-14

GOD'S CALL

HOW DOES MAN RECEIVE THE CALL?

“He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

Mark 16:15

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WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

“Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, that **he was buried**, that **he was raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures,”

I Corinthians 15:1-4

CALL REQUIRES A RESPONSE

BELIEF AND BAPTISM

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.” Romans 10:9-10

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

Mark 16:16

BUT WHAT DOES BAPTISM HAVE TO DO WITH THE GOSPEL?



“Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.” Romans 6:3-5

AN EXAMPLE

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah. When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call. With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

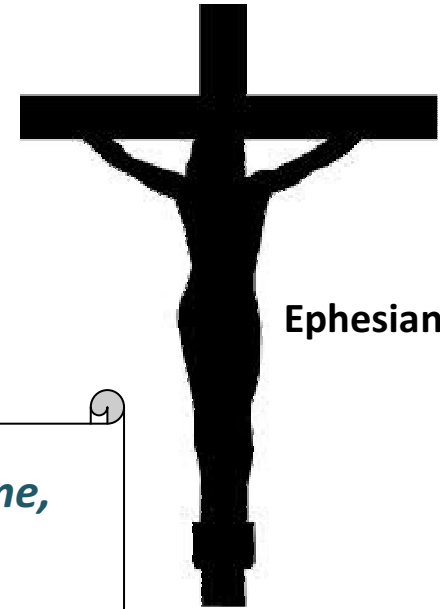
Acts 2:36-41



YOU CAN BE A CHRISTIAN

GOD'S GRACE

"for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,..." John 3:16a



Ephesians 2:8-9

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, He gave the right to become children of God –" John 1:12

MAN'S FAITH

"...that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16b

1. Believe that Jesus is the Christ. Mark 16:16
2. Change your life style to bring it into harmony with God's will (repentance). Acts 2:38
3. Confess your faith in the deity of Jesus. Romans 10:10
4. Be buried with Him in baptism for forgiveness of all past sins. Acts 2:38



ANOTHER GIFT—the Holy Spirit

“...and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” -Acts 2:38

“Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.” -John 3:5

As you grow in Christ you will discover many ways the Spirit will work in your life. Here are two important ways you should know right now.

1. HELPS YOU DEFEAT SIN

“For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.”

2. HELPS YOU OVERCOME TEMPTATION

“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”



