



NEW BELIEVER'S  
**GUIDE**

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**“Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.”  
– Psalm 119:105**

## **BEGINNING TO USE THE BIBLE**

Congratulations on your recent decision to receive Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. Now that you are a Christian, you need to learn and grow in your new relationship with God. God's Word, the Bible, is our handbook for living. Jesus Himself said that we need God's Word to really live. As a newborn believer, you may know very little about the Bible or how to use it. This sheet has been designed to provide basic knowledge of the Bible as well as tips that will assist you in studying and using your Bible effectively.

Be diligent (Study) to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

– II Timothy 2:15

## **WHAT IS THE BIBLE?**

The Bible is the inspired, infallible, authoritative and inerrant Word of God. It traces the history of man from creation, to the fall and finally to God's wonderful promise of redemption. The Bible reveals God's continual loving care and working in, with and through the lives of ordinary men and women. All we need to know about God, man and salvation are contained within the Bible. God chooses to speak to us through His word, the Bible. In short, the Bible is God's love letter to us.

Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes

– Psalm 119:11-12

## **WHERE DID THE BIBLE COME FROM?**

Throughout history, God used His Holy Spirit to inspire godly men to write His Word. The Bible, however, is much more than words of men. God's Spirit worked in these men's minds and hearts to record how and what He wanted to communicate to us. God has faithfully protected His Word throughout the ages so that what we know today, as the Bible is the actual truths of God Himself.

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

– II Peter 1:12-21

## **HOW IS THE BIBLE ARRANGED?**

The Bible consists of 66 letters, historical accounts and additional writings that have been broken into 2 major sections: The Old Testament and The New Testament. The complete 66 books are referred to as the Canon of Scripture. There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament.

The "Old Testament" was written primarily in the Hebrew language and is more correctly referred to as The Hebrew Scriptures. The Hebrew Scriptures contain 39 books of historical accounts, poetry, and prophecy. They contain the account of creation, God's dealings with man in general and God's dealings with a specific man (Abraham) and his descendants (the Jews) that God chose as His special people.

The "New Testament" was written in the Greek language and is commonly called The Greek Scriptures. The Greek Scriptures are the accounts of Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven as well as the establishing of His Church on earth. In addition, they contain letters, personal & corporate, with instruction on Christian living and doctrine (foundational teachings).

## **ANNOTATIONS OF THE BIBLE**

Each book of the Bible is broken into chapters and verses in order to simplify finding specific passages. When referring to a specific passage of scriptures the book name is given first followed by the chapter number and finally the verse(s). For example: John 3:16 would indicate the book of John, Chapter 3 and verse 16. At times, the book names are abbreviated such as Matt. for Matthew or 1 Cor. for First

Corinthians. Please consult the table of contents in the front of your Bible for additional abbreviations.

## **TIPS FOR STUDYING YOUR BIBLE**

- Pray for understanding and guidance before, during, and after you read your Bible.
- Read your Bible everyday in a systematic fashion (book by book - not jumping around).
- Memorize the Table of Contents to assist you in locating Bible books rapidly.
- Think about what you are reading, especially the passages that make an impact on you.
- Underline or highlight important passages.
- Keep a dated journal to write down the thoughts and truths that God reveals to you.
- Ask yourself questions:
  - How can I apply this to myself or my life?
  - Is there a promise I can claim?
  - Is there an action I should take?
  - Is there a truth I can learn?
  - Is there an example I can follow?
  - Is there something I should pray about?

Believe that God says what He means, and means what He says.

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

– John 8:31-32

# USE GOD'S WORD FOR YOUR LIFE AND GROWTH IN JESUS CHRIST

## PRAYER

Phil. 4:6  
 Heb. 4:14-16  
 1 Thess. 5:17-28  
 Matt. 6:6  
 James 4:2  
 John 16:24  
 John 15:7  
 Phil. 4:19  
 Luke 18:1  
 Luke 21:36  
 Eph. 6:18  
 John 14:13-14  
 Luke 11:9-10  
 Eph. 3:12  
 Matt. 6:9-11  
 1 Tim. 2:8  
 Matt. 21:22  
 Matt. 18:19-20  
 Mark 11 :24  
 James 5:16  
 Luke 22:46  
 Isa. 40:31  
 Ps. 55:17  
 Dan. 6:10  
 Mark 6:46  
 Luke 6:12  
 Ps. 34:1  
 Luke 11:1-4  
 Jude 1:20  
 Isa. 55:6  
 Ecc. 5:2  
 Luke 5:11-13  
 1 Chron. 16:11  
 Col. 4:2  
 1 Peter 4:7  
 Ps. 5:1-3  
 Zech.8:21  
 Jer. 33:3  
 Jer. 29:12  
 Isa. 26:9  
 Joel 2:32  
 Ps. 86:5,7  
 Ps. 18:3  
 Ps. 10:17  
 Rom. 10:9-13  
 1 John 5:14-15

## READING THE BIBLE

Heb. 4:12  
 1 Thess. 2:13  
 Rom. 15:4  
 2 Tim. 3:16-17  
 2 Peter 1:20-21  
 Acts 20:32  
 Rom. 10:17  
 1 Peter 2:2  
 James 1:21-22  
 Eph. 6:17  
 Ps. 1:1-2  
 Josh. 1:8  
 Acts 17:11  
 2 Tim. 2:15  
 Luke 11 :28  
 John 8:31  
 Heb. 10:7  
 2 Peter 1:4-8  
 Jer. 15:16  
 Rev. 1:3  
 Ps. 12:6  
 Ps. 19:7-11  
 Isa. 30:8  
 Ps. 18:30  
 Mal. 3:16  
 1 Tim. 4:13-16  
 2 Peter 3:18  
 Has. 4:6  
 Isa. 5:13  
 Eph. 4:23  
 Jer. 23:29  
 Jer. 15:16  
 Prov. 30:5  
 Prov. 2:1-3  
 Col. 3:16  
 Isa. 34:16  
 Col. 1:9-11  
 Eph. 3:17-19  
 Ps. 119:9, 11, 16, 18, 25, 28, 38, 50, 81, 89, 92,97,114, 130, 133, 140, 147-148, 162

## FELLOWSHIPING

Heb. 10:24-25  
 Ps. 133:1  
 Acts 2:42-47  
 Eph. 5:2, 19, 30  
 Heb. 3:13  
 1 Peter 3:8  
 1 John 4:7  
 Col. 3:16  
 Ps. 122:1,9  
 1 Thess. 5:11  
 Prov. 27:17  
 Prov. 24:6  
 Prov. 13:20  
 Rom. 12:13  
 Ecc. 4:9-10  
 Prov. 11:14,25  
 Prov. 12:26  
 Prov. 15:22  
 Rom. 15:1-2  
 Prov. 27:10  
 Prov. 17:17  
 Prov. 18:24  
 Matt. 18:20  
 John 13:34  
 1 Cor. 1:9  
 1 John 1:3,7

## WITNESSING

1 Cor. 9:16  
 Acts 1:8  
 Mark 16:15  
 1 John 1:3  
 Matt. 5:16  
 1 Peter 3:15  
 Col. 4:6  
 2 Tim. 4:2  
 Rom. 1:16  
 Heb.13:16  
 Prov. 14:25  
 Dan. 12:3  
 Prov. 1130  
 Luke 24:48  
 Jude 3  
 Philemon 6  
 Ps. 145:6

Jer. 23:28  
 Isa. 52:7  
 Rom. 10:15  
 Eph. 6:19  
 Ps. 66:16  
 Mark 5:19  
 1 Peter 4:11  
 2 Cor. 5:18-20

## BACKSLIDING

Jer. 3:12-13,22  
 Hos. 14:1-4  
 Isa. 43:22, 24-25  
 Jer. 29:11-13  
 Deut. 4:28-31  
 2 Chron. 7:14  
 1 John 1:9  
 1 John 2:1-2  
 2 Chron. 15:4  
 2 Chron. 33:12-13  
 Luke 15:13-24  
 Isaiah 1:16, 18  
 Hos. 6:1  
 Joel 2:13  
 Zech. 1:3  
 Mal. 3:7  
 Ezek. 33:14-16, 19  
 Ezek. 18:30, 32  
 Ezek. 18:21-22  
 Lam. 5:21  
 Lam. 3:40  
 Jer. 29:14  
 Jer. 15:19  
 Jer. 3:14,22

# DID YOU KNOW?

## GOD LOVES YOU

"For God so loved"	John 3:16
"God commendeth His love"	Romans 5:8
"herein is love"	1John 4:10
"gave Himself...might deliver us"	Galatians 1:4
"Son ... has come to seek"	Luke 19:10

## THE FACT OF SIN

"none righteous"	Romans 3:10
"all have sinned"	Romans 3:23
"not a just man"	Ecclesiastes 7:20
"the heart is...wicked"	Jeremiah 17:9
"righteousness... filthy rags"	Isaiah 64:6
"say that we have no sin"	1John 1:8

## THE PENALTY

"soul that sinneth ... die"	Ezekiel 18:4,20
"sin... bringeth forth death"	James 1:15
"once to die... judgment"	Hebrews 9:27
"wages of sin is death"	Romans 6:23
"shall give account... to God"	Romans 14:12
"dead were judged"	Revelation 20:12

## MAN'S INABILITY

"not by works of righteousness"	Titus 3:5
"not justified by the works"	Galatians 2:16
"faith ... not of yourselves"	Ephesians 2:8-9
"deeds ... no flesh be justified"	Romans 3:20
"way which seemeth right"	Proverbs 14:12
"righteousness... filthy rags"	Isaiah 64:6

## GOD'S REMEDY

"Christ died for us"	Romans 5:8
"gifts of God is eternal life"	Romans 6:23
"I am the way"	John 14:6
"neither... salvation in any other"	Acts 4:12
"save that which was lost"	Luke 19:10
"Christ died for our sin s"	1Corinthians 15:3

## MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY

"repent ye therefore"	Acts 3:19
"repentance... faith"	Acts 20:21
"believe on the Lord Jesus Christ"	Acts 16:31
"believe on his name"	John 1:12
"confess... believe... shall be saved"	Romans 10:9-10
"call upon the name of the Lord"	Romans 10:13

## RESULTS OF SALVATION

"not condemned"	John 3:18
"hath everlasting life"	John 3:36
"he is a new creature"	2Corinthians 5:17
"tile children of God"	Romans 8:16
"heirs of God"	Romans 8:17
"peace I give unto you ... neither... be afraid"	John 14:27
"Spirit of God dwells in you"	Romans 8:9
"name in the book of life"	Philippians 4:3

## HELPS FOR THE NEW CHRISTIAN

Look up these verses and read the complete verse. Modern Bible translations may make some of these verses clearer for the new Christian. The King James Version was used here.

### ASSURANCE

"they shall never perish"	John 10:27-29
"yet shall he live"	John 11:25-26
"is passed from death unto life"	John 5:24
"neither death, nor life... shall... separate us"	Romans 8:38-39
"He which hath begun ... will perform it"	Philippians 1:6
"an inheritance incorruptible"	1 Peter 1:4

### WHEN FACED WITH TEMPTATION

"temptation ... is common to man"	1 Corinthians 10:13
"the devil. .. seeking whom ... devour"	1 Peter 5:8-9
"the man that endureth temptation"	James 1:12
"I have overcome the world"	John 16:33
"do all things through Christ"	Philippians 4:13

### IF SINS OCCUR

"if we confess our sins"	1 John 1:9
"return unto the LORD"	Isaiah 55:7
"a contrite heart... will not despise"	Psalms 51:17
"we have an advocate"	1 John 2:1
"seek My face and turn"	2 Chronicles 7:14
"confesseth and forsaketh them"	Proverbs 28:13

## GROWING AS A CHRISTIAN

### IN THE WORD OF GOD

"desire... milk of the word"	1 Peter 2:2
"thy word have I hid in mine heart"	Psalms 119:11
"were written for our learning"	Romans 15:4
"Scripture is profitable"	2 Timothy 2:15
"thy word is a lamp feet. .. path"	Psalms 119:105
"delight is in the law of the Lord"	Psalms 1:1-2

### THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

"by prayer and supplication"	Philippians 4:6
"call upon the name of the Lord"	Psalms 116:13
"ye shall ask"	John 15:7
"Ask, and it shall be given you"	Luke 11:9-10
"And when thou prayest"	Matthew 6:5-15
"Pray without ceasing"	1 Thessalonians 5:17-18
"Praying always with all prayer"	Ephesians 6:18
"take ye heed, watch and pray"	Mark 13:33

### THE IMPORTANCE OF FELLOWSHIP

"not forsaking the assembling"	Hebrews 10:25
"teaching and admonishing one another"	Colossians 3:16
"speaking to yourselves"	Ephesians 5:19
"the body...hath many members"	1 Corinthians 12:14
"members should have... care"	1 Corinthians 12:25-26



# BELIEVE THE GOSPEL

## BIBLE STUDY

You may have heard the word "Gospel" before and never have known what it really meant. Perhaps you thought it referred merely to the first four books of the New Testament Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Maybe you thought it meant "positively true", because you heard it used in a saying like this: "It's the gospel truth."

Actually, the word "Gospel" means "Good News" It is the good news about God's love for us, and the wonderful things He has done for us. Take out your Bible or New Testament, and we will see some of the great things it says about the Gospel.

Before we get into this study, I want to teach you something about studying your Bible. In the front of it, you will see a Table of Contents listing all the various books. Use this to find your way around the Bible until you become familiar with where they all are. Also, you will notice that notation is used something like this: Romans 1:16. It means: The book of Romans, Chapter One, verse sixteen. Become familiar with what these notations mean. Finally, pray for understanding whenever you read God's Word!

O.K. Let's start in and see what is said about the Gospel. Look up the Bible reference given, then write out the answer in your own words.

**1. What does Romans 1:16 say that the Gospel is to everyone who believes?**

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That's important, isn't it? Let's take a look at the Gospel in four steps.

### STEP ONE – GOD'S LOVE

**2. What is the one word in John 3:16 that describes why God sent His Son for you and me?**

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**3. Look at John 10:10; why did Jesus come?**

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**STEP TWO – THE PROBLEM**

Sin is doing things our way instead of God's way. The Bible says that our sins have separated us from God.

**4. How many of us have sinned? (Romans 3:23)**

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**5. What is the result of this sin? (Romans 6:23)**

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**STEP THREE – THE SOLUTION**

God sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins, and to conquer its death by raising Him from the dead. This way we can come to God and receive all the good things He has for us.

**6. What did Christ go through to bring us to God? (1 Peter 3:18)**

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**7. True or False: God loved us and did this for us because we were so good that we deserved it. (Romans 5:8)**

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**8. Is being saved from sins something that I work for, or something God freely gives me? (Ephesians 2:8,9).**

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**9. Is there any other way to the Father except Jesus? (John 14:6)**

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## STEP FOUR – HOW IT WORKS

Now that we know what God has done, we need to receive the result into our lives.

### 10. How does one become a child of God? (John 1:12)

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### 11. What must we do to have Christ come into our hearts? (Revelation 3:20)

What step are you on? ...

Do you know that God loves you? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you admit that you have sinned? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you realize that Jesus is the answer to your problems? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received Him as the one who saves you? \_\_\_\_\_

If you haven't received Him, you might want to do it in a prayer like this:

"Heavenly Father I confess that I am a sinner, and I thank You that You love me anyway. I believe that Jesus died and rose for me. I accept Him into my life. I turn from my way of doing things, to Your way, and give the control of my life to You. Thank you for this Good News. "

**Did you receive Jesus?** If so, then God has forgiven you, made you his child, and come into you. He said that He would, and He never breaks His word.

### 12. Read 1 John 5: 11-12. Because you have received Jesus, God says that you now have something. What is it?

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“That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” — **Romans 10:9**

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