

The 27 books of the **New Testament** include the Gospels, history of the early church, many letters by Paul, general letters by James, Peter, John and Jude as well as prophecy in Revelation.

The whole of the **New Testament** was written between 48-100AD, whereas the **Old Testament** was written over a period of 1000years or more, from the time of Moses (1500BC) to Malachi (500BC).

Jesus emphasised the importance of the Word of God many times by what He did and what He said.

How did Jesus resist the temptations of satan?

Matthew 4:1-11? _____

What does this tell us about the authority of God's Word and satan's power of temptation? _____

What is a disciple of Jesus? *John 8:31* _____

What are the two wonderful benefits of being a disciple of Jesus?

John 8:32 _____

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CHRISTIAN LIFE BIBLE COURSE

Introduction to Course Study One The Bible

Welcome to the “**Christian Life Bible Course**”. This course is designed to help you progress in your understanding of **God's Word, the Bible**, so that you will have a **close relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ**.

Each lesson has some explanatory notes and questions for you to answer. Look up the Bible references and write in your answers. The person available to help you with these studies will assist through discussion, prayer, and sharing insights the Holy Spirit has revealed to them.

Before you start a particular study, it is suggested that you pray and ask God to make His Word alive to you by the power of the Holy Spirit, *Luke 11:13; Psalm 119:18; Hebrews 4:12*.

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Study One: The Bible, the Christian’s Manual.

The Bible, or “Scripture,” is God’s word to mankind, and holy men of God were inspired by the Holy Spirit to record what He was saying to them, *2Pet 1:20,21*.

How much of the Bible is inspired? *2Tim 3:16,17* _____
and what is it profitable for? _____

The 66 books of the Bible were written by about 44 writers, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, during a period of nearly 1700 years.

The Sadducees tried to prove there was no resurrection of the dead. Read Jesus’ reply in *Matthew 22:29*. What were the two things that led the Sadducees into error? _____

How does God’s Word keep us from going the wrong way?
Psalm 119:105,130 _____

Where do we keep God’s Word and what advantages does it bring?
Psalm 119:11 _____

How long will the Word of God last? *Isaiah 40:8; 1Peter 1:24,25* _____

How enduring are the words spoken by Jesus? *Matthew 24:35* _____

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Besides the Bible where else is God’s Word? *Psalm 119:89* _____

What benefits are there to meditating in God’s Law? (God’s Word is also called the “law of the Lord”) *Psalm 1:1-3* _____

How often should we do this? *Psalm 1:2* _____

How does God’s Word work within us to separate what is of us, (our own soul life), from what is of God and His Spirit? *Hebrews 4:12*

How can we clean up our act and please God? *Psalm 119:9* _____

How can we achieve a stronger faith? *Romans 10:17* _____

How closely does God want us to relate to His Word?
Proverbs 4:20-21 _____

What are the physical benefits of God’s Word in our heart?
Proverbs 4:22 _____

The 39 books of the **Old Testament**, *2Cor 3:14*, or “Hebrew Bible,” contain the Laws of God, history, poetry and songs as well as prophecy and teaching, *Lk 24:44*.