

“Discovering God’s Word: Bible 101”

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2 Timothy 3:14-17

14 As for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known **the holy Scriptures**, which **are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.** 16 **All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

THE BIBLE – 66 Books

- Infallible Word of God
- Written by man Inspired by God
- Divided into Old Testament & New Testament

THE OLD TESTAMENT (COVENANT) – 39 Books

- God’s “Covenant” to bless all people through the nation of Israel
- THE LAW (Torah) – 5 books
 - Genesis Exodus Leviticus
 - Numbers Deuteronomy
- HISTORY BOOKS – 12 books
 - Joshua Judges Ruth
 - 1st Samuel 2nd Samuel 1st Kings
 - 2nd Kings 1st Chronicles 2nd Chronicles
 - Ezra Nehemiah Esther
- WISDOM BOOKS – 5 books
 - Job Psalms Proverbs
 - Ecclesiastes Song of Songs (Solomon)
- MAJOR PROPHETS – 5 books
 - Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations
 - Ezekiel Daniel

- MINOR PROPHETS – 12 books
 - Hosea Joel Amos
 - Obadiah Jonah Micah
 - Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah
 - Haggai Zechariah Malachi

THE NEW TESTAMENT (COVENANT) – 27 Books

- God’s “Covenant” to save all people through His Son Jesus Christ
- THE GOSPELS – 4 books
 - Matthew
 - Mark
 - Luke
 - John
- HISTORY OF EARLY CHURCH
 - Acts
- PAUL’S LETTERS
 - Romans 1st Corinthians 2nd Corinthians
 - Galatians Ephesians Philippians
 - Colossians 1st Thessalonians 2nd Thessalonians
 - 1st Timothy 2nd Timothy Titus
 - Philemon
- GENERAL LETTERS
 - Hebrews James 1st Peter
 - 2nd Peter 1st John 2nd John
 - 3rd John Jude
- PROPHECY
 - Revelations

2 common mistakes:

1. Reading from page 1 like a normal book
2. Obsession with Revelation

How to read:

1. Pray first (ask God to reveal His truth to your heart)
2. Start with the Gospels
3. Write in your Bible
4. Just Read It! Just Read It! Just Read It!