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Chapter 1

THE BIBLE

God's Message to You

Introduction

The Bible is God's special message to you and to people from every nation, culture, and background. God wants all people to hear His message of love and forgiveness. Yet many people have not had the opportunity or have not found time to read the Bible. Then when people do open the Bible, often they do not know where to start reading.

In this chapter you become familiar with how the Bible's contents are organized. You learn how to locate Bible references so you can turn to suggested passages and begin learning more about God and His teachings.

Millions have found the Bible to be more amazing and helpful than they had ever imagined. You will find its contents uplifting, interesting, thought provoking and practical. God wants you to hear His message!

Two Main Divisions

The Bible contains two major sections:

- The Old Testament (OT): Begins with Genesis.
- The New Testament (NT): Begins with Matthew.

Both testaments contain a number of individual books within them. "Agreement" and "covenant" are synonyms for "testament." So, the old agreement is emphasized in the OT. A new covenant is presented in the NT. These are agreements about how God relates to people. You will examine the NT in more detail later in this lesson.

How To Look Up A Bible Reference

Often a Bible reference is given so you know where to look up the answer to a particular question. If you are told that the answer is found in John 3:16, it means **the book of John, chapter 3, verse 16**. You may look at the Table of Contents to find the book of John listed and see on which page it begins. (In some Bibles the page numbering starts over at the beginning of the New Testament; in others it does not.) You would then turn to Chapter Three and locate the sixteenth verse. Use this method to find the answers to questions provided for you in this study booklet. The Bible verses for each lesson are also listed at the back of this book, beginning on page 31.

Who Wrote The Bible?

The Bible also is called the “Scriptures,” “Holy Scriptures” or “The Word of God.” Often “Holy Bible” is imprinted on the cover. These various terms identify the contents as sacred writings from God.

Through the centuries people have explained how God used the message of the Bible to change and enrich their lives. Though the biblical teachings discuss deep and serious issues, they also provide simple, direct instructions for practical daily living.

The more a person reads or studies the Bible the more he or she will see the unity of thought and the continuity of themes from one part of the Scriptures to another. It is amazing to realize that the Bible was written over a period of 1500 years by 40 different authors. Yet, the incredible unity among the various Bible books becomes obvious to any conscientious reader of the Scriptures.

1. What did the Apostle Peter say about the writings of the Old Testament?

2 Peter 1:20, 21 _____

2. What description is given in 2 Timothy 3:16 that conveys the idea that the Scriptures were not merely the writings of human authors?

Next, you consider how the teachings from God are organized in the New Testament (NT). You review the sequence of the 27 books in the NT and their general content.

The New Testament Books

As you refer to the chart on page 12 you can easily fill in the appropriate NT book titles in the spaces below. Take time to read the brief description given for each NT book.

1. The New Testament begins with **five historical books**. What are they?

_____ This first of the four Gospels presents Jesus Christ as the Messiah prophesied in the Old Testament. He is presented as Savior and King.

_____ This concise and earliest of the Gospels is a fast-moving account of the life of Jesus. He is seen as a Servant and Teacher.

_____ This Gospel presents Jesus as the “Son of Man.” This book, written by a physician, shows Jesus’ humanity.

_____ This Gospel emphasizes the deity of Christ.

_____ The Christian church expands in all directions from Jerusalem—even to Rome, the capital of the world. The last 16 chapters trace Paul’s missionary journeys. Dr. Luke is the author of this book as well as his Gospel.

In the gospels you observe the life and teachings of Jesus Christ from four different perspectives. In the book of Acts you begin to see the impact of God’s message on those who heard it and embraced it.

2. Next, write down the names of **Paul’s letters**. (Letters are sometimes called “epistles”.)

_____ All people fall short of God’s moral standard, but He has provided a means for forgiveness and eternal life.

_____ Paul addresses a group of believers who struggle to live upright lives in a highly immoral city in Greece.

_____ Paul speaks to the issues of disunity and false teachers. He requests donations to help believers suffering in Jerusalem. Paul refutes false teachers who say that Gentile believers must obey the Jewish laws. People cannot gain eternal life by following a moral code.

_____ Written while Paul was in prison. Jews and Gentiles become unified through faith in Christ.

_____ Written while Paul was in prison. Chapter 2 describes Christ’s leaving royalty in heaven to die on earth. “Joy” and “rejoice” are frequently used words.

_____ Written from prison. The supremacy of Christ. Rules for holy living.

_____ Teaching new believers more about Christianity. Discusses the Second Coming of Christ.

_____ Further clarification about the return of Christ. Stand firm in your faith.

_____ Explains an effective leadership structure for managing a church. A discussion about money.

_____ Paul is in prison and expects to die there. He encourages and challenges Timothy.

_____ Written from prison. Gives qualifications of elder leaders. Encouragement to live moral lives.

_____ Paul writes his friend, Philemon, about freeing a runaway slave.

3. Now list the names of the books called **General Letters**.

- _____ Probably this letter was written to Jewish Christians. Parallels the OT animal sacrifices with Christ's death by crucifixion.
- _____ This may be the earliest of the NT letters. A person's lifestyle may indicate whether or not he or she has a working faith.
- _____ Written by one of Jesus' 12 disciples. Teaches how to live a holy life in spite of hardships, pain, and persecution.
- _____ Readers are exhorted to resist false teachers and to grow in their Christian faith.
- _____ John wrote First, Second, and Third John as well as the fourth Gospel. Presents Jesus Christ as both human and deity. Christians are encouraged to show love toward one another.
- _____ Christians are urged to love one another. Christ's deity is again affirmed.
- _____ The letter is addressed to Gaius, a church leader. Diotrephes, a man in
- _____ Gaius' church, is scolded, and Gaius is commended for his work.
- _____ James and Jude were brothers of Jesus. Each wrote a general letter. These warnings against false teachers are similar to those in 2 Peter.


4. List the **one prophetic book** in the New Testament.

- _____ Much of this book contains symbols and imagery that are confusing to beginning Bible readers. It speaks of future events: the ultimate defeat of Satan and the destiny of believers and unbelievers.

You now have a grasp on the contents of the NT and you understand how those 27 books are organized.

In Chapter 2 you will study, "What is God Like?"

AN OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE

OLD TESTAMENT (39 books)			NEW TESTAMENT (27 books)			
HISTORY Law 1. Genesis 2. Exodus 3. Leviticus 4. Numbers 5. Deuteronomy History & Government 1. Joshua 2. Judges 3. Ruth 4. 1 Samuel 5. 2 Samuel 6. 1 Kings 7. 2 Kings 8. 1 Chronicles 9. 2 Chronicles 10. Ezra 11. Nehemiah 12. Esther	POETRY 1. Job 2. Psalms 3. Proverbs 4. Ecclesiastes 5. Song of Solomon	PROPHECY Major Prophets 1. Isaiah 2. Jeremiah 3. Lamentations 4. Ezekiel 5. Daniel Minor Prophets 1. Hosea 2. Joel 3. Amos 4. Obadiah 5. Jonah 6. Micah 7. Nahum 8. Habakkuk 9. Zephaniah 10. Haggai 11. Zechariah 12. Malachi	 <p>The Old Testament points toward Christ's life and sacrificial death on the Cross.</p> <p>The New Testament is based on Christ's finished work on the Cross.</p>	HISTORY Gospels 1. Matthew 2. Mark 3. Luke 4. John 5. Acts	TEACHING Paul's Letters 1. Romans 2. 1 Corinthians 3. 2 Corinthians 4. Galatians 5. Ephesians 6. Philippians 7. Colossians 8. 1 Thessalonians 9. 2 Thessalonians 10. 1 Timothy 11. 2 Timothy 12. Titus 13. Philemon General Letters 1. Hebrews 2. James 3. 1 Peter 4. 2 Peter 5. 1 John 6. 2 John 7. 3 John 8. Jude	PROPHECY Revelation
About 400 years between Testaments.						

Chapter 2

WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

Introduction

Some say there is no God. Others think there is a God, but that it is not possible to know Him. Some imagine Him as a kindly, gray-haired grandfather figure. Others picture Him as an angry God who is just waiting for us to step out of line so He can punish us. God can be known and the quest for that knowledge is the highest of pursuits.

Of all the books ever written, the Bible tells us more than any other does about God. It reveals who God is, what He is like, and how we can come to know Him personally in a respectful and meaningful way.

Answer the following questions from the Bible passage provided for you. Write the answer in your own words.

God Knows Those He Created

1. What did God create?

Isaiah 45:12 _____

2. If God is the Master Designer of the universe, He knows all about your life. List several things God knows about you, according to these two verses.

1 Chronicles 28:9 _____

Jeremiah 17:10 _____

God's Character And Deeds

3. What do you learn about the Person of God in these verses?

Genesis 1:1 _____

1 Chronicles 16:34 _____

Psalms 145:8 _____

Lamentations 3:22 _____

Micah 7:19 _____

God Defends Those He Loves

4. What does Jeremiah 31:3 teach us about God's love for people? _____

5. Read Psalm 72:12-14. To whom does God show His compassion?

God Loves People But Hates Sin

6. What are some of the things for which God will hold people accountable, i.e. what behavior will He judge?

Matthew 5:21 _____

Matthew 5:22 _____

Matthew 12:36 _____

Hebrews 13:4 _____

7. God may deal with some things sooner, but when will God's judgment take place?

Hebrews 9:27 _____

God Reveals Himself To Those Who Seek Him

8. Study Jeremiah 29:11-13.

a. What kinds of plans does God have for you? (verse 11)

b. Would you like to know God better? _____

9. So far in this study, what is the most interesting thing you have learned about God? _____

Summary

God, the Designer of the universe, knows your every thought and attitude. He loves you and extends His compassion to all who are weak and oppressed. God is perfect and holy. He despises the various degrees of sinful and immoral behavior among us. One day He will judge people for their actions and thoughts. God wants the very best for each of our lives. If we pray and seek God with all our heart, He will reveal Himself to us. In the Scriptures we gain a sampling of how God thinks and acts and how He loves people and wants to relate to you and me.

In Chapter 3 you will study, “Who Are You?”

Chapter 3

WHO ARE YOU?

Introduction

Many ask, “Who am I? What is my purpose? How can I find meaning in life?” The Bible provides some significant insights.

In our mind and heart each of us is pulled in two directions. First, we have a basic tendency to think and behave in corrupt or evil ways. Small children have to be taught good behavior. Bad behavior comes naturally for us humans.

Second, we have been made in the image of God. But that image of God has been marred and disfigured. It is not intact. Yet we see traces of that image of God in even the most unprincipled of people. The subject of human nature continues to be discussed by scientists, educators, and theologians, to name a few. In this chapter we will notice how God sees us through His love and in light of our imperfection.

In God’s Eyes You Are Valuable

1. What did Jesus teach about your value as a person?

Luke 12:6, 7 _____

2. The Bible sometimes calls us “sheep.” In Luke 15:4-7, what insights do you have into how much God cares about you?

We Often Fall Short

3. Study Matthew 22:35-40.

a. What does God say our highest duties in life are?

b. Then, from God’s view, what are our greatest shortcomings? _____

The Frailties Of Our Human Nature

4. When a person's human nature has its way, what types of evil behavior can result?

Galatians 5:17, 19-21 _____

5. Why are men and women separated from God?

a. Isaiah 59:2 _____

b. Colossians 1:21 _____

6. From where did Jesus say that sinful (evil) thoughts originate?

Mark 7:21-23 _____

7. Read James 4:1, 2. How does sinful thinking affect relationships among people?

8. Read Romans 1:21-32. How does the Bible describe immoral people's behavior and attitudes toward God and others?

Toward Others:

verse:

24 _____

26, 27 _____

29 _____

30 _____

Toward God:

verse:

21 _____

25 _____

28 _____

32 _____

9. People choose to sin. But according to John 8:34, everyone who sins eventually becomes a _____ to sin.

10. Read Psalm 10:4. What is at least one reason why people neglect God? _____

It Is Impossible To Meet God's Standards

11. You find "The Ten Commandments" (sometimes called "the law") listed in both Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5. This is a moral code that is humanly impossible to keep. According to Romans 3:20, what, then, does "the law" accomplish?

Summary

God places great value in every person—each man, woman, girl, and boy. But, because of disobedience to God's standards, each person has become separated from God. People find themselves alienated from God and often in conflict with other people. We are trapped in patterns of evil behavior to varying degrees. This makes each of us guilty before God, and so we will face God's judgment if we do not apply God's solution to this difficult dilemma.

In Chapters four and five you will discover God's solution to the problem of alienation from God. The answers are in Chapter 4, "Who Is Jesus Christ?" and in Chapter 5, "How Can I Know God Personally?"

Chapter 4

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

Introduction

People from many cultures around the world have committed their lives to Jesus Christ and have become His followers. Who is He? To some He was the founder of a major religion. Others consider Him a great teacher and prophet. But Jesus himself claimed that He was God. If this claim is false, He cannot be called even a good man. Instead He must be considered a fraud and a liar. But if Jesus truly is God, as He claimed, what then?

Jesus Is God

1. What does God, the Father, call His son, Jesus, in Hebrews 1:8? _____

2. Read John 10:30-33. According to verses 30 and 33, what did Jesus Christ claim about Himself?

3. What do you learn about Jesus' power from the following passages?

Mark 4:39-41 _____

John 11:43, 44 _____

Jesus Is Also Human

4. How do you know that Jesus was human and not a ghost-like being?

John 4:6 _____

John 4:7 _____

John 11:35 _____

5. Read Hebrews 4:14, 15.

a. How was Jesus like other people? _____

b. How was He unique? _____

6. Why did Jesus set aside His divine nature and come to earth as a man with human limitations?

Mark 10:45 _____

Definition: a ransom is a price paid to free a person from captivity or other bad circumstances; to make a payment that will redeem or release a person or property that has been seized.

Luke 4:43 _____

Luke 19:10 _____

The Death Of Jesus

7. What did the love of God, the Father, motivate Him to do for us?

Romans 5:8 _____

8. Read 1 Peter 3:18. Why did Christ die on the cross for us? _____

Compelling Evidence!

“As a lawyer I have made a prolonged study of the evidence for the events of the first Easter Day. To me the evidence is conclusive, and over and over again in the High Court I have secured the verdict on evidence not nearly so compelling...I accept (the Gospel evidence for the resurrection) unreservedly as the testimony of truthful men to facts they were able to substantiate.”

**— Edward Clarke
Advocate (Lawyer)**

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

9. What happened at Jesus' tomb three days after He had died on the cross?

Matthew 28:5, 6 _____

10. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-8. Who were the various people who saw Jesus after the resurrection? _____

Summary Overview

Here is a brief outline of the sequence of events regarding Jesus Christ.

- **His Life** Jesus was born in Bethlehem, raised in Galilee, and became a carpenter. He spent three years ministering to countless people and proving that He was Christ.
- **His Death** Then He was condemned to die on a cross to bear the penalty for our sin.
- **His Resurrection** After three days, Jesus rose bodily from the dead. His resurrection is a historical reality.

11. In this lesson, what one or two things impressed you about who Jesus Christ is and what He did?

In Chapter 5 you will study, “How Can I Know God Personally?”

Chapter 5

HOW CAN I KNOW GOD PERSONALLY?

Introduction

There is a vast difference between knowing about someone and actually knowing that person as a friend. Someone may acquire a number of facts about a famous man or woman, but may never actually have met them. Few people become as familiar with a prime minister or great athlete as they are with family members. God possesses an unequalled status. Can He actually be known?

God is a person. You can meet Him, and as unbelievable as it sounds, it is possible for you to come to know Him personally. In this chapter you will learn about the process for getting to know God.

Moving Toward God

1. What types of people does God especially invite to come to Him?

Matthew 11:28 _____

2. When the Jewish people turned away from God for a period of time, what did God promise them?

Deuteronomy 4:29, 30 _____

3. What conditions are necessary for coming to know God personally?

Hebrews 11:6 _____

4. How can some people study the Scriptures (the Bible), learn about Christ and eternal life, but they fall short of having eternal life?

John 5:39, 40 _____

In Chapter 3 we learned that people are separated from God because of their sin. Therefore the first step in knowing God personally is to be freed from the penalty of our sin. The Gospel explains how we can be saved from the penalty of sin.

The Gospel, i.e. The Good News

5. How many have sinned?

Romans 3:23 _____

6. What is the penalty for sin?

Romans 6:23 _____

7. We are not saved by what?

Titus 3:5 _____

8. We are saved by what?

Ephesians 2:8, 9 _____

9. In his preaching, what two things did Paul tell people to do?

Acts 20:21 _____

Definition: repentance is remorse for past conduct or sin and a resolve to turn from it.

Jesus—The Only Way To God

10. Some think there are many paths to God. What does the Bible say?

John 14:6 _____

Acts 4:12 _____

John 3:36: “Whoever believes in the Son has _____, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for _____.”

“...how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?” (Hebrews 2:3)

How To Put Your Faith In Christ

Pontius Pilate asked the question, “What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” (Matthew 27:22). It is a question we must all answer. Having studied what the Bible says about Jesus Christ and what it means to become a Christian, pause at this point and think about your own position before God.

Consider that you will one day face God as your judge. Consider also the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, making it possible for you to be right with Him now.

11. Revelation 3:20 illustrates how a person puts his/her faith in Christ. As Jesus Christ stands at the “door” of your life:

a. What is He doing? _____

b. What must you do to have Christ enter your life? _____

c. When you do this, what is His promise to you? _____

12. According to John 1:12, how do you become God’s child and possess eternal life?

If you would like to become a Christian and know God personally, from your heart pray something like this:

- Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and cannot find my way to the Father without you. But I know, too, that you love me in spite of my sin.
- I believe that you are God’s Son and that you died for my sin and rose from the dead.
- I now turn from my sins, asking you to forgive me and come into my life as Savior and Lord.
- I want to surrender my will to you. Please give me the grace and strength to follow you as you guide me.

Appendix

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Chapter 1—“The Bible: God’s Message To You”

2 Peter 1:20, 21: “Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

2 Timothy 3:16: “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

Chapter 2—“What Is God Like?”

Isaiah 45:12: “It is I who made the earth and created mankind upon it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled their starry hosts.”

1 Chronicles 28:9: “And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.”

Jeremiah 17:10: “I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve.”

Genesis 1:1: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

1 Chronicles 16:34: “Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.”

Psalms 145:8: “The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.”

Lamentations 3:22: “Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.”

Micah 7:19: “You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.”

Jeremiah 31:3: “The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: ‘I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.’”

Psalms 72:12-14: “For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.”

Matthew 5:21: “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’”

Matthew 5:22: “But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.”

Matthew 12:36: “But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken.”

Hebrews 13:4: “Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.”

Hebrews 9:27: “Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment...”

Jeremiah 29:11-13: “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.’”

Chapter 3—“Who Are You?”

Luke 12:6, 7: “Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”

Luke 15:4-7: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

Matthew 22:35-40: “One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this

question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Galatians 5:17, 19-21: "For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. ...The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."

Isaiah 59:2: "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear."

Colossians 1:21: "Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior."

Mark 7:21-23: "For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'"

James 4:1, 2: "What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God."

Romans 1:21-32: "For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only

continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.”

John 8:34: “Jesus replied, ‘I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.’”

Psalms 10:4: “In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.”

Romans 3:20: “Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.”

Chapter 4 — “Who Is Jesus Christ?”

Hebrews 1:8: “But about the Son he says, ‘Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.’”

John 10:30-33: “‘I and the Father are one.’ Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus said to them, ‘I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?’ ‘We are not stoning you for any of these,’ replied the Jews, ‘but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.’”

Mark 4:39-41: “He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, ‘Quiet! Be still!’ Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, ‘Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?’ They were terrified and asked each other, ‘Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!’”

John 11:43, 44: “When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Take off the grave clothes and let him go.’”

John 4:6: “Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.”

John 4:7: “When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Will you give me a drink?’”

John 11:35: “Jesus wept.”

Hebrews 4:14, 15: “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.”

Mark 10:45: “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Luke 4:43: “But he said, ‘I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.’”

Luke 19:10: “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

Romans 5:8: “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

1 Peter 3:18: “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit...”

Matthew 28:5, 6: “The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.’”

1 Corinthians 15:3-8: “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, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.”

Chapter 5—“How Can I Know God Personally”

Matthew 11:28: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Deuteronomy 4:29, 30: “But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul. When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, then in later days you will return to the LORD your God and obey him.”

Hebrews 11:6: “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

John 5:39, 40: “You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.”

Romans 3:23: “...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...”

Romans 6:23: “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Titus 3:5: "...he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit..."

Ephesians 2:8, 9: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

Acts 20:21: "I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus."

John 14:6: "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

Acts 4:12: "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

John 3:36: "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

Revelation 3:20: "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."

John 1:12: "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God..."

1 John 5:11-13: "And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."