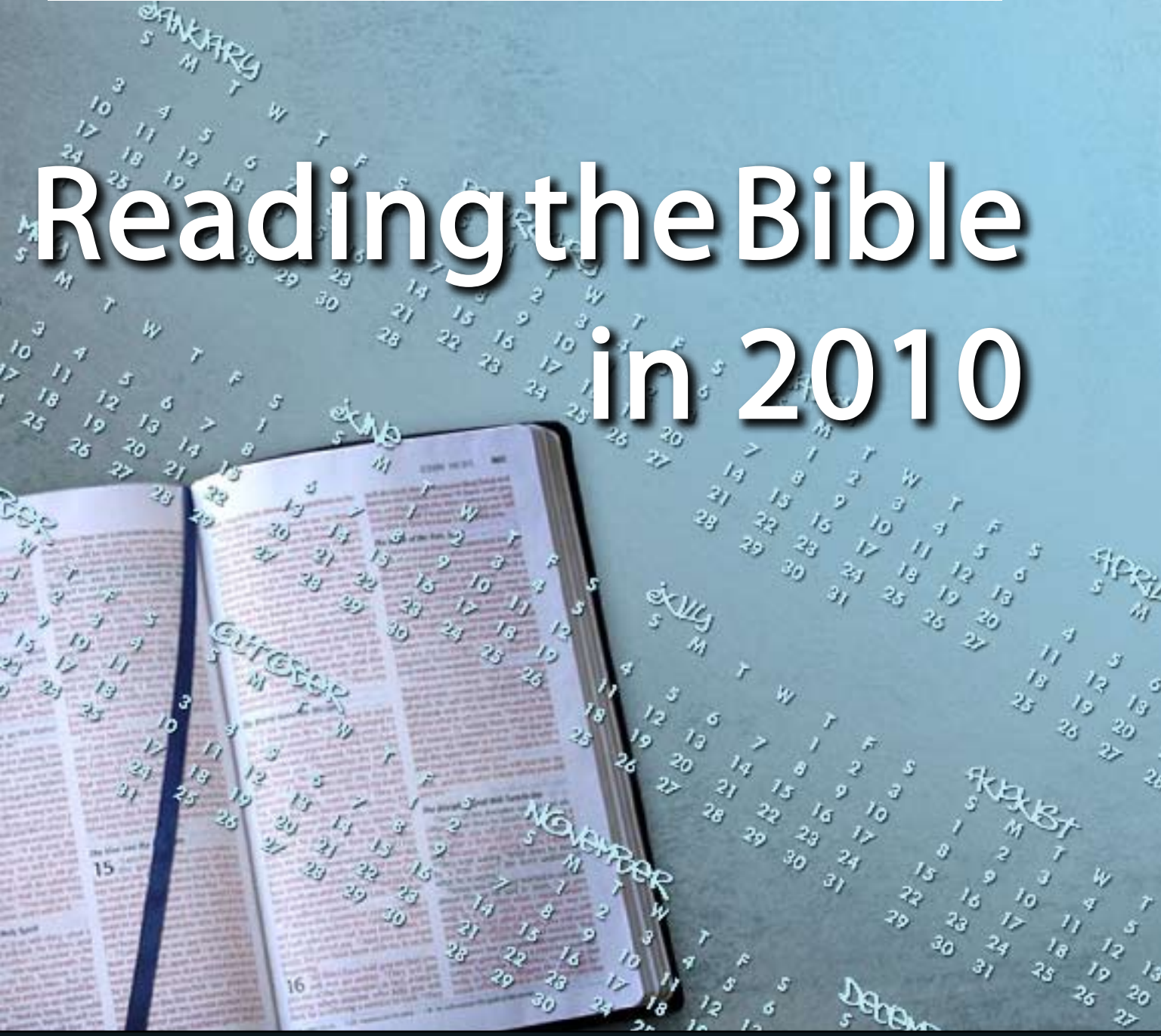


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# Reading the Bible in 2010





MIKE WILLIS

# Let's Read the Bible

This special issue is presented to you to encourage you to join us in reading the Bible in 2010. The Scriptures emphasize that faith is derived from the hearing of the word of God (Rom. 10:17). Were I to meet someone who did not believe in Jesus, I would direct him to the four gospels to create faith in Jesus. Were I to talk to a weak Christian about the weakness of his faith, I would ask him, "Have you been reading your Bible?"

In keeping with this theme, Chris Reeves has put together this special issue on Bible Reading. The issue is very good and we would like to express appreciation to Chris and the various writers for their good work.

In the first article, Thomas Keese emphasizes the need for the family to read their Bible together. Too much family time is spent in front of a television and too little reading the Bible. The TV preaches the values of a secular world which derides adherence to biblical values. If Christians do not put God's word in the hearts of their children, the world will fill their hearts with its values. The church cannot replace the parent. After all, the children are in two Bible classes a week (if they attend both classes), each of which lasts less than one hour. In addition, our children hear two sermons a week of less than an hour's length, assuming that they are old enough to follow the sermon presentation and are present both morning and evening on Lord's day. Two to four hours out of a 168-hour week is not sufficient to impart the faith to our children. Parents must take the leading role and view the Bible classes and worship hours as supplementary.

Another article in the series emphasizes the Public Reading of Scripture. Most congregations would benefit from giving their male members who read in the assembly a copy of this article by Marc Gibson. John Gentry makes suggestions about using the Bible in preaching and Doug Lancaster addresses the need for reading the Bible during Bible classes. Sometimes a teacher lets the art work and illustrations overwhelm the text of Scripture. Cheri Reeves also addresses the issue of reading God's word in children's classes and Sharon Baker discusses the need to use the Bible in ladies' classes.

Chris Reeves suggests a chronological reading of the Scriptures; Dan King has good instruction about appreciating the different kinds of literature that are in the Bible. Steve Reeves has an excellent article on the kinds of translations that are available for Bible reading.

Steve Monts suggests our need to read the Bible for daily encouragement, recalling the advice that his mother passed to him. Joel Plunkett inspires churches to lead their members in memorizing the text of Scripture, telling about a program being used where he works that has enabled participating members to commit to memory 125 verses of Scripture.

Michael Stout mentions numerous electronic versions of the Scripture which might be particularly useful to the younger generation.

Finally, Justin Monts give the reader some suggestions for elementary hermeneutics in reading Scripture.

I cannot think of an issue more relevant to Christian living than this issue. Let's get started reading our Bibles in 2010. When you read, don't focus on the negative! Before you begin a daily Bible reading schedule, accept the fact that there are going to be days that you miss. When you miss a day, instead of feeling the pressure to "catch up" or quitting because you are "so far behind," take a moment to remind yourself of how much more you have read this year than before you began this program. So, relax and enjoy reading the greatest Book ever written.



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# Family Bible Reading

THOMAS & DAPHNE KEESE

*And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up (Deut. 6:7).*

I am quite confident no one would disagree with the idea that reading the Bible to your family on a daily basis is a good thing. The question I wish to focus on is just why then don't we do more of it? When reading the above passage in Deuteronomy and Psalm 78:5-7, one notices the diligence and consistency God was trying to impress upon His people for studying His word. If we truly desire to raise godly children, we must be diligent and consistent in training our children. The basis for the spiritual education of our families should begin with families reading the Bible together.



First of all, let me define what I mean by family Bible reading. What I would suggest is to gather your family together to a place in your home where you can be left undisturbed as much as possible. This will mean that TV, computer, stereo, iPods, etc. are turned off. If the phone rings, let it ring or turn the ringer off. It is good if you can find a consistent time in your schedule for this practice. If there doesn't seem to be a consistent time, do it whenever you can. Set aside a short amount of time (between 15 and 30 minutes per day is all that is necessary) to show your children that the Bible and their spiritual growth are the most important things in the world to you. You may want to add a few songs and a prayer. When our children were young, the time that seemed to work the best for my family was right before bedtime.

Other than choosing a passage to read, there is little preparation you will need to do. There are many Bible reading schedules available which can help you plan. Remember, your purpose is not to give various Bible scholars' views of the passage. You are simply reading the text of the Scriptures. Obviously, you should make sure they have understood what you have read and answer any important questions they raise. If a question is raised that is not critical to answer immediately, try setting aside the time to deal with it later. Hopefully this will start to raise interest in your children which may lead to more in-depth studies.

As you start the practice of family Bible reading, it may be awkward. All of you will become more comfortable as you become more consistent with the practice. If you begin the practice and later fall out of the habit, don't give up.

The goal of family Bible reading time is not necessarily to teach the Bible, although that will occur. The goal is to establish and maintain a relationship with your children. You are not only sharing facts with them, you are sharing your faith with them. There is no doubt you will face many challenges when it comes to adding and keeping this practice as a part of your daily schedule. However, if the eternal destination of your children is important to you, you will find a way to adapt and overcome these challenges. The apostle Paul's advice in Galatians 6:9 is so important for us to remember: "Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." I can promise you, if you become consistent with the practice of family Bible reading, your family bonds will become stronger and you will see benefits in many areas you may not have expected.

# The Public Reading of Scriptures



MARC GIBSON

**T**he inspired Scriptures play an important part in our worship unto God. Our Bible classes are opportunities to be instructed in the Scriptures. The hymns and spiritual songs we sing reflect the thoughts and stories of Scripture. Reverent prayers are drawn from examples and principles found in the revelation of God. Faithful evangelists fill their lessons with the thorough study of Bible passages that convict the sinner and edify the saint.

There is also an important place for the public reading of Scripture in our worship. It is read publicly in the course of Bible classes and sermons. There can also be a time set aside during worship for the public reading of Scripture in the hearing of the whole congregation. This practice is not designed to kill a few minutes in between songs or just before the sermon, but should be an important act of worship unto God. Are we giving little thought and preparation to the important task of the public reading of Scripture? We should recognize that, in this time of reading, our minds are being filled with the “word of his grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified” (Acts 20:32). Those who would have the responsibility of reading the Word of God publicly should not approach such a task lightly.

## BIBLE EXAMPLES

King Josiah had all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem gather to him, “and the king went up to the house of the Lord with all the men of Judah, and with him all the inhabitants of Jerusalem – the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great; and he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the house of the Lord” (2 Kings 23:1, 2). The public reading of Scripture on this occasion had a tremendous impact on the king and the people: a covenant was made to follow the Lord and His commandments, to remove the idolatrous effects from the land, and to keep the Passover.

After the Babylonian captivity, the remnant of Israel that had returned gathered “as one man” to hear Ezra the priest read from the Book of the Law of Moses (Neh. 8:1). He read from it “from morning until midday, before the men

and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law” (v. 3). Once again, this public reading of Scripture had a deep impact on the hearers. The people wept when they heard the words of the Law (v. 9), and rejoiced that they could understand it (v. 12). The people then observed the feast of Tabernacles according to the revealed will of God.

When Jesus returned to his hometown of Nazareth, he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath day and “stood up to read” (Luke 4:16). He was given the book of the prophet Isaiah, and, after reading a portion of messianic prophecy [Isa. 61:1-2], he said, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing” (vv. 17-21). This public reading of Scripture afforded Jesus an opportunity to identify Himself as the Messiah. All who heard marveled at His “gracious words” (v. 22).

These examples demonstrate the need and effect of the public reading of Scripture. Those who would do this reading in the hearing of others should give diligent attention to careful preparation and proper technique. We should “give attention to [public] reading” (1 Tim. 4:13).

## PREPARING TO READ THE SCRIPTURES PUBLICLY

Too often there is little to no preparation for the public reading of Scripture. Men may be scheduled in advance for the reading, but they give it no thought until they arrive at worship services. The reading is then hurriedly chosen or assigned, and then done “cold.” What results will often be a bland, monotone reading filled with uneven stops and starts and a clumsy handling of unfamiliar words and names. The holy Scriptures deserve better than this, do they not? Should not the reading of Scripture reflect the dignity and reverence of its divine Author? Let us give careful and thoughtful preparation before we arise to give voice to the revealed word of God. Consider the following suggestions that can assist in that preparation:

**1. Choose a Reliable Version.** With the multitude of English versions available today, we need to use and read

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from the most reliable versions available (anyone using the Bible in personal study, public reading, and preaching/teaching should do his homework on this subject). The version that you use in public reading should be a reliable version you and most of your hearers are familiar with. It is sometimes advisable to announce the version being used so that those who read along in a different version will note any differences.

**2. Study the Text.** Once you know the text you will be reading (whether chosen or assigned), a study of that text should follow. This is why one should know what text he is reading days, or at least some hours, in advance, not a few minutes before worship services begin. This will not be an intense, exegetical study of the text as for a sermon or class, but an overview of the context, setting, and grammar of the text. Different texts will lend themselves to different approaches in reading style (parable, narrative, poetry, history, etc.). Knowing the context that comes before and after the reading can help in understanding what is being said in the reading itself. If the reading is in the middle of a larger context, a short statement just prior to the reading might be appropriate to inform the hearers of what that larger context is.

Examine the words of the reading so that they will be properly pronounced. A Bible or English dictionary can provide a pronunciation guide, and some Bibles have diacritical marks over the names of people and places. Identify the key words and phrases that will be emphasized with your voice. In other words, get to know your text thoroughly so that you can read it with as much meaning as possible. The reader is the link between the text and the hearer, and that link needs to be strong, not weak.

**3. Analyze the Punctuation.** Punctuation marks are the road signs of reading. Periods, commas, semi-colons, question marks, etc. are all given to assist in regulating the speed, inflection, and tone of a reading. For example, we should stop at periods, pause at most commas, and sound inquisitive as we approach a question mark. Reading through a passage of Scripture without a familiarity with the punctuation is like driving a road at night you have never driven before. You will be tentative and unsure, something the reading of Scripture should never be.

**4. Practice, Practice, Practice.** How do you become familiar with a passage of Scripture? Practice reading the text several times, considering the contextual setting, pronun-

ciation, and punctuation. Have someone listen to you read and provide honest feedback. Consider recording yourself and listening with a critical ear to identify problems and look for improvement. Reading the Scriptures publicly is serious business before God and man. Be serious in your preparation and read as though someone's soul depends on what you are saying (It does!).

## IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF PUBLICLY READING

With careful preparation done, one is ready for the actual exercise of publicly reading Scripture. There are important aspects to consider when reading publicly:

**1. Using the Voice.** The human voice is a marvel of God's creation, and it is the public reader's most important tool. It should be used to its fullest extent for the benefit of the hearer.

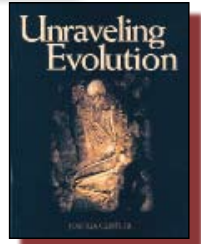
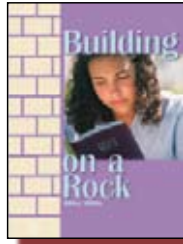
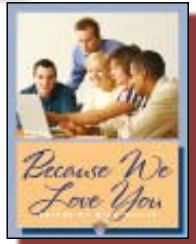
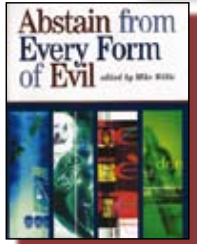
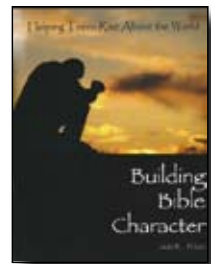
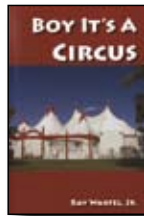
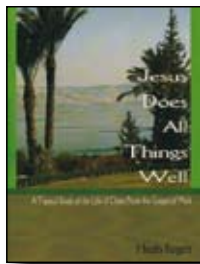
*a. Speak up.* There is no need to read if one cannot be heard. Speak loudly and distinctly so as to be heard to the last row of pews. Use the microphone (if provided) to assist in projecting your voice. Do not mumble or let your voice trail off inaudibly at the end of sentences.

*b. Pitch.* Pitch, or the rising and lowering inflection of voice, is important to bring out the character of what the text of Scripture is saying. Monotone reading lulls everyone to sleep. Read at your natural pitch, raising or lowering it as necessary to open up the character of that particular text (excitement, questioning, fear, doubt, etc.). Help the hearer to envision the action of a narrative, or feel the emphatic point being made in the midst of doctrinal passage.

*c. Emphasis.* In connection with the previous point, use your voice to emphasize the key words and phrases of a passage. Raising or lowering the inflection of your voice, or a timely pause, can emphasize a point in an unforgettable way. Use the range of your voice to convey emotion (anger, sadness, fear, joy) and setting (danger, tension, bliss). Don't become over-dramatic, but give the reading some life. Remember, it is not about you, but the words of life.

**2. Slow Down.** A common tendency is to read too fast in the rush to get the whole thing over with as soon as possible. Slow down! Calmly approach the podium, clearly announce *twice* where the text is found (book, chapter, and verses), give a few moments for those turning in their Bibles to get to the text, take a deep breath, and begin reading in a calm, relaxed rate of delivery. Sometimes what we





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think is slow reading is still perceived as fast to the hearers. Request feedback later and adjust your rate as necessary.

**3. Posture.** Good public reading is not facilitated by being hunched over the podium with your head hanging downward. Stand up straight with your head held up so that your voice will be projected outward. This will make breathing easier and deeper, which provides a good, clear voice. Present yourself as though you really want to read the Holy Scripture, and show the respect due the inspired word by your handling of it in public reading.

### CONCLUSION

Since faith comes by “hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17), the recitation of Scripture in Bible classes, sermons, and public readings continues to be of vital importance today. It should be done with the utmost

respect, thorough preparation, and diligent exercise. Let us do our best work when publicly reading the Scripture so that the Lord may be glorified and His word will do its great spiritual work in the heart of men, for Jesus said, “The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63).

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# Chronological Bible Reading



CHRIS REEVES

“**S**eek out the book of Jehovah, and read . . . ” (Isa. 34:16). I can think of no greater admonition for all people today than this one from the pen of Isaiah. Reading Scripture was both an Old Testament practice (Exod. 24:7; Deut. 17:19; 31:11; Josh. 8:34-35; 2 Kings 22:8 – 23:2; Jer. 36:15; Neh. 8:8) and a New Testament practice (Col. 4:16; 1 Thess. 5:27). It was performed by Jesus Himself (Luke 4:16-20). It was prescribed by the Apostle Paul (1 Tim. 4:13). Today, it is important for everyone to read his own Bible because Bible reading will bless the reader (Rev. 1:3). Bible reading leads us to know God’s plan of salvation (2 Tim. 3:15; James 1:18). Reading the Bible brings us to an understanding of God’s will for our life today (Eph. 3:4; 5:17). How one reads the Bible daily can vary. This article covers the method of reading the Bible in chronological order.

## CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER VERSUS CANONICAL ORDER

All of God’s word is inspired (2 Tim. 3:16), but the order of books in the Bible is not. The order of the books in the Bible is man-made. There is no divinely inspired order of Bible books. In fact, the order of Bible books differs between the Bible of the Hebrew, the Catholic, the Protestant, and the Eastern Orthodox. If one were to use a standard Bible and start reading in Genesis and read book-by-book in order to Revelation, he would be reading the Bible in canonical order.

The standard order of books in most Bibles today is the canonical order: Genesis to Malachi and Matthew to Revelation. The canonical order of books does not follow a chronological order all the way through the Bible. Rather, it follows the order of books found in the Greek Septuagint and the Latin Vulgate translated by Jerome in the 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D. The “canonical order” groups books together according to their type of literature: law, history, poetry, and prophecy in the Old Testament; gospel, history, and epistle in the New Testament. The “chronological order” groups books or portions of books together according to their historical date and content.

Today, the order of books in many Bibles is basically in chronological order from Genesis to 2 Kings, but after that chronological order of events often disappears. In the New Testament, Matthew through Acts is basically in chronological order, but after that the chronological order of events once again is gone. The majority of printed Bibles today arrange their books canonically rather than chronologically.

To place Bible books in chronological order, three kinds of rearranging must be done. First, *whole books must be relocated*. For example, in the Old Testament, Job is often placed after Genesis. Haggai and Zechariah would be placed within the book of Ezra. In the New Testament, Philemon would be grouped with Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. James and Thessalonians would be placed before Corinthians. Second, *portions of books must be relocated*. For example, portions of 1 Chronicles, Isaiah, and Jeremiah are moved to reflect chronological order. Third, *portions of books must be combined*. For example, some of the Psalms are placed within 1 and 2 Samuel and Old Testament prophetic material is placed within the books of Kings and Chronicles. In the New Testament, the four gospels are combined together and some of Paul’s epistles are inserted into the books of Acts.

Keep in mind that Bible scholars and historians differ on some aspects of Bible dating and so determining chronological order is not an exact science. Chronological ordering is not easy to do and will differ some from person to person. While chronological ordering can be relative and tentative at times, the reader can still gain a general chronological flow of Bible history from beginning to end.

## BENEFITS OF CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING

Reading the Bible in chronological order has two important benefits not found by using other reading methods. First, reading the Bible chronologically gives one a better sense of the overall flow of Bible history from beginning to end. The reader learns to keep a Bible passage in its historical context and order. By reading chronologically,



the Bible student can more easily follow God's plan of salvation from the beginning – the “mystery” that has been manifest from times eternal to the present (Rom. 16:25-26; 1 Cor. 2:7; Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:26). Remember, the Bible is not a catechism or a topical textbook arranged by subject matter: God, man, sin, salvation, etc. The Bible is a single and unified message of salvation that flows through several periods of history.

Second, reading the Bible chronologically allows the reader to put together the historical events with the doctrinal lessons attached to them. For example, in the Old Testament, one can read about the tumultuous events of the life of David in 1 Samuel, followed by the God-honoring feelings of his life in the book of Psalms. Or, one can read about the ungodly history of Israel in 1-2 Kings, followed by the powerful sermons preached by the prophets during that time. The historical events are explained by the spiritual lessons and vice-versa. This chronological connection of historical events with spiritual lessons is especially important to Bible class teachers and preachers as they prepare class lessons and sermons.

### **TOOLS FOR CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING**

There are three types of helps available to anyone interested in reading the Bible chronologically. First, chronological study Bibles are available for purchase in various translations. The books and chapters in these Bibles are rearranged from the standard, canonical order and printed in chronological order. Most chronological study Bibles contain both the Old and New Testaments, but a few contain the New Testament only. One older example of a chronological Bible is *The Student's Chronological New Testament* by A.T. Robertson (Fleming H. Revell, 1904). There are also several contemporary chronological Bibles to choose from. *The Chronological Study Bible* by Thomas Nelson Publishers uses the New King James Version and is highly recommended. *The One Year Chronological Bible* by Tyndale House Publishers uses the New International Version and the New Living Translation. *The Narrated Bible In Chronological Order* and *The Daily Bible: In Chronological Order* by Harvest House Publishers both use the New International Version. *The Seamless Bible: The Events of the New Testament in Chronological Order* by Charles C. Roller and *The Reese Chronologi-*

*cal Bible* by Bethany House Publishers both use the King James Version.

Second, if someone wants to use his own Bible, he can purchase a printed outline of Bible passages in chronological order. The reader would follow the chronological outline and read from his own Bible. One example of a printed chronological outline is: *Footsteps Through The Bible: A 52-Week Chronological Reading Plan and Study Reference* by Richard M. Gagnon (Hendrickson Publishers, 2000). Another helpful outline is: *Read Through the Bible in a Year: In Chronological Order* by John R. Kohlenberger III (Moody Publishers, 2008).

Third, there several internet resources available for chronological Bible reading. The advantage to these sources is that one does not have to spend any money to get started reading chronologically. One site is: [www.ewordtoday.com/year/](http://www.ewordtoday.com/year/). This site contains five Bible reading plans including a chronological plan which can be used with several English versions and some foreign language versions. Another online site that contains a chronological plan in different versions is: [www.bibleplan.org/](http://www.bibleplan.org/). You can also look at the chronological reading plans supplied by Back to the Bible ([www.backtothebible.org/index.php/Bible-Reading-Guides.html](http://www.backtothebible.org/index.php/Bible-Reading-Guides.html)), Bible Gateway ([www.biblegateway.com/resources/readingplans/](http://www.biblegateway.com/resources/readingplans/)), Into Thy Word ([www.intothyword.org/articles\\_view.asp?articleid=31608&columnid=3801](http://www.intothyword.org/articles_view.asp?articleid=31608&columnid=3801)), SBL Ministries ([www.sbl.org/readthrubible/chronological/index.shtm](http://www.sbl.org/readthrubible/chronological/index.shtm)), A. Allison Lewis ([www.christianbeliefs.org/brs/biblereadingsch-00.html](http://www.christianbeliefs.org/brs/biblereadingsch-00.html)), and Gene Brooks, based on the Reese Chronological Bible ([www.geocities.com/genebrooks/bible-chron-january.html](http://www.geocities.com/genebrooks/bible-chron-january.html)).

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### **READ CHRONOLOGICALLY**

Let me encourage you to read the Bible in chronological order at least once in your lifetime. It will reward you greatly in your understanding of God's overall plan for saving mankind. The Bible is one continuous message of salvation from paradise on earth lost (Gen. 1-3) to paradise in heaven regained (Rev. 21-22). By reading chronologically, you will see the beautiful panoramic view of the Bible's plan of salvation as it is seen through a series of unfolding events across the epochs of time.

# Reading the Bible for Encouragement



STEVE MONTS

There are some things passed down to you that you never forget. One day my mother told me of a time in her life that she was greatly discouraged. She had been trying to find a sound church to worship with in Washington State. She had trouble finding one that would stand for the truth on the subject of marriage, divorce, and remarriage (one man, one woman for life with one exception). Her immediate family (including me) was in the liberal, institutional church of Christ and so she would travel alone looking for a place to worship. She felt so small and isolated and became discouraged. She talked with Ron Halbrook on the phone and asked what she should do to help her spirit. Ron advised her to spend time reading the Psalms and the book of Job. Both were written by downcast and discouraged people. There you will find those who can sympathize and learn how they handled their trials.

This story was passed down to me from my mother at a time I was severely depressed and it is one I will never forget. I have passed it on to others in their time of need, whether it was for those who have had serious illness or anxiety. This advice has helped them and it has helped me many times.

The power of God is in the word (Rom. 1:16). God's word has the power to convince, rebuke, and exhort (2 Tim. 4:2). Paul warned Timothy of perilous times (2 Tim. 3:1). He told Timothy, "all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution . . . evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." That sounds really bad; it sounds really discouraging. The uphill battle will take its toll on the faithful. What should

Timothy do? "But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of." Truth is assuring and reassuring. It would help Timothy through his dark days. Paul goes on to say, "knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation." His learning which was passed down to him would help him, yes, it would save him. Further, it will make him wise for salvation. He will have the appropriate solution for the problem at hand. Truth can make us wise for salvation, too. Perhaps too often we turn to some "self help" book for our time of need. Sometimes they help, sometimes they leave us empty still. But the Bible always helps. Listen as Paul continues, "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:12-17). Scripture has so much power it can make us complete, whole, and mature in contrast to emptiness and despair.

If you are discouraged, try reading the Psalms. Notice the following:

## FEELING ALONE?

"Help Lord, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men." David felt alone, too, and Psalm 12 informs us of his cry.

## FEELING AS IF GOD HAS FORSAKEN YOU (RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE)?

"Why do you stand afar off, O Lord? Why do you hide in times of trouble?" "How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?"

**"...spend time reading the Psalms and the book of Job. Both were written by downcast and discouraged people. There you will find those who can sympathize and learn how they handled their trials."**

Psalms 10 and 13 offer help to such a feeling. God does not forsake the righteous though it may feel that way. Here you find those who can sympathize with such a feeling. You are not the first to feel that way. How did they deal with it? Read Psalms 10 and 13 to find out.

**DO YOU NEED REASSURANCE IN WHOM TO PLACE YOUR TRUST?**

*“O Lord my God, in You I put my trust; Save me from all those who persecute me; and deliver me.” “Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.”* Psalms 7 and 16 are reassuring you have not misplaced it in God.

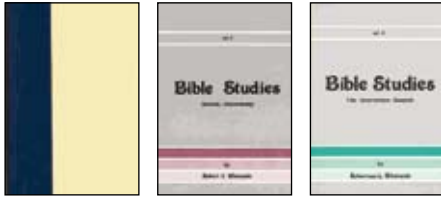
You see, *“the righteous cry out and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart”* (Psa. 34:17-18). We know that it is good for us to go through trials and the Lord will deliver us out of them all, not by removing them, but by altering our attitude through them. That is what we need in depressing times—a good attitude adjustment, a good reminder, the Lord is with us. *“I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears”* (Psa. 34:4).

The Psalms contain such power to encourage. Who of us has not been moved by a reading of Psalm 23 – “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want”? It is so powerful

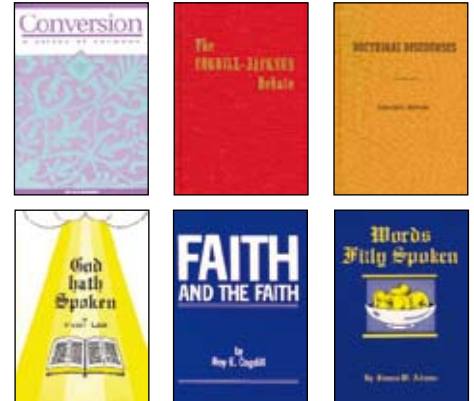
that often it encourages those who need not be encouraged. Those still in their sin need to be reproved that they might be made free from sin. Yet vile offenders will quote Psalm 23 in their hard times repeatedly as they try to lift up their spirit. I mention this simply to demonstrate the power in Scripture. Imagine how true it must be for one truly deserving of encouragement.

Through the years I have spent more time in the Psalms. As I age, I know more of what Solomon says in Ecclesiastes 1:18, *“For in much wisdom is much grief, and he who increases in knowledge increases in sorrow.”* The world’s ways do not encourage a Christian and his ways. Thus, I have been preaching through the Psalms starting from the beginning. It has been good for my soul to develop this material and I pray it has been good for the hearers as well.

I pray this helps you to read for encouragement in your time of need. Paul told Timothy, *“But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures”* (2 Tim. 3:14-15). Just as Timothy received truth passed down, so too did I. Thank you, dear mother. Thank you, brother Ron.



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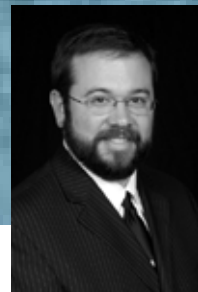


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# “They Read in the Book”



JOHN R. GENTRY

And they read in the book, in the law of God, distinctly; and they gave the sense, so that they understood the reading (Neh. 8:8).

**W**hat should a preacher preach? “Preach the word” (2 Tim. 4:2). You would think this was a no-brainer, but unfortunately “the word” is seldom heard from some pulpits today, including some of our own brethren. I just returned from attending a seminar put on by a local church of Christ in which the number of jokes, quotes, anecdotes, and comic strips outnumbered the number of scriptures nearly 50 to 1—actually only a single passage was used the entire sermon, and that passage wasn’t referenced until ten minutes into the sermon. Brethren, listen to the warning of the apostle: “Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard [the gospel message, jrg], lest we drift away from them” (Heb. 2:1). We need fewer jokes, quotes, anecdotes, and comic strips in our sermons and more reading of Scriptures!

## BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

What was the practice of God’s people in the Bible? In Exodus 24:7 Moses “took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that Jehovah hath spoken will we do, and be obedient.” In Deuteronomy 31:11–13 Moses commanded the priests and elders

when all Israel is come to appear before Jehovah thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing. Assemble the people, the men and the women and the little ones, and thy sojourner that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear Jehovah your God, and observe to do all the words of this law; and that their children, who have not known, may hear, and learn to fear Jehovah your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over the Jordan to possess it.

In Nehemiah 8:5, 8 we read,

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it,

all the people stood up. . . . And they read in the book, in the law of God, distinctly; and they gave the sense, so that they understood the reading.

In the New Testament we see a similar emphasis being placed on the public reading of scriptures in connection with teaching and preaching. For example, in Luke 4:16–21 we read that Jesus

came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and he entered, as his custom was, into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And he opened the book, and found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, Because he anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor: He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovering of sight to the blind, To set at liberty them that are bruised, To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down: and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them. . . .<sup>1</sup>

We read of a similar occasion in Acts 13:15, 16ff:

And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on. And Paul stood up, and beckoning with the hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, hearken. . . .<sup>2</sup>

The sermons recorded and described in Acts and the epistles (not to mention the content of the epistles themselves) included many quotations of Old Testament Scriptures. Sound, solid preachers read from the Scriptures during their sermons.

## PRACTICAL POINTS

Much of the underlying drive behind the accumulation of preachers (cf. 2 Tim. 4:3) who use fewer Scriptures and more jokes, quotes, and anecdotes is the mentality of many who want to be served rather than serve and the desire to be entertained. How do we reverse this tendency, or at least not fuel the fire?

Encourage those in the audience to take out their Bibles, turn to the passage, and read along (cf. Acts 17:11). There may be times when quoting a passage is the most efficient thing to do, but limit quick quotations and encourage those in the audience to see the passage in their own Bibles. It is even good to give enough time for the children to turn to the passages so that they too can read along. If we don't teach and train our children to expect the reading of Scriptures in sermons, what sort of sermons will they preach?

PowerPoint and projectors promote the ease of displaying Scriptures for the viewing of the audience. However, if a preacher places every passage on the screen for the people to read along with him, is this not encouraging the let-me-sit-here-and-be-served/entertained mentality? Would it not be better to place the reference on the screen, have the audience turn in their Bibles to read the passage, and then, if necessary to make a point, place the text of the passage on the screen? Some will say, "Well the mothers with young children can't turn and read in their Bibles if a baby is in their lap." Can the mothers not hear the passage being read? This is not a question of whether or not it is scriptural to place the text on the board—it is a question of what is best (cf. Luke 10:38–42).

## CONCLUSION

When describing the work of an evangelist, Paul told Timothy, "devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching" (1 Tim. 4:13, ESV).

The "public reading of Scripture" done by Timothy was not to be an isolated part of the worship service. It was to be a part of his work as a preacher and was to be included with the exhortation and teaching he was to be doing. "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17; cf. 1:16). Do you want to have saving faith? Do you, preachers, want to instill faith in some and exhort others to greater faith? Jokes, quotes, and anecdotes will not get the job done! But the reading of Scriptures in your sermons will. "Preach the word!"

## Endnotes

<sup>1</sup> Regarding this passage, Vincent noted, "Usually in New Testament of *public* reading. [In post-classical Greek, sometimes of reading aloud with comments. This may explain the parenthesis in Matt. 24:15.] After the liturgical services which introduced the worship of the synagogue, the "minister" took a roll of the law from the ark, removed its case and wrappings, and then called upon some one to read. On the Sabbaths, at least seven persons were called on successively to read portions of the law, none of them consisting of less than three verses. After the law followed a section from the prophets, which was succeeded immediately by a discourse. It was this section which Jesus read and expounded. See Acts 13:15; Neh. 8:5, 8. For a detailed account of the synagogue-worship, see Edersheim, "Life and Times of Jesus," i., 430 sq."

<sup>2</sup> cf. Acts 15:21; 2 Cor. 3:14; Col. 4:16; 1 Thess. 5:27; Rev. 1:3. The word *anaginōskō*, translated "read" in these passages, refers to a public reading of the Scriptures, sometimes with comments/exhortation. See BAGD, TDNT, et al.



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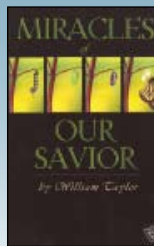


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# How to Read Bible Literature



DAN KING

## READING THE 39 BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

It is singularly important to learn to read the various elements that comprise the biblical literature on their own terms and not in a way that fails to consider their differences. Neglecting to do so will lead to misunderstanding and misapprehension of the distinctiveness of the material that is presented in those parts which comprise it. This concept is readily acknowledged and well understood in regard to all other forms of communication, and it applies in this area also. For example, today it is possible for one to pick up a title that falls into the category of “children’s literature.” The subject matter of such a work would obviously be juvenile in nature. The language would no doubt be extraordinarily simple. Most adults would find it to be well below the average as far as grammatical style is concerned. Everything about it would leave us with the impression that the material was written for children specifically. It provides the reader with a whole host of indicators about what type of material he has encountered.

On the other hand, the average reader would immediately find himself quite at home reading a newspaper article printed in the local paper. The language, style, and grammar would all suit the reader while challenging him almost none at all in those terms. Newspaper articles are intentionally written with the average reader in mind, so all of this is no accident. At the other end of the spectrum would be a university professor’s research paper published in a professional medical journal. The language would be extremely specialized and most of it would be above the reading level of the average reader. The grammar and style would also be very challenging. Content would be full of facts and figures that would hold interest only for a person versed in the subject matter under consideration in the essay. A book for children in a kindergarten class and a professor’s research paper would be worlds apart in every sense of the word, and the reader would readily pick up on the internal indicators of those differences!

The principle which we have just enunciated in regard to the literature common to our own era applies equally well in

regard to that which we meet when we open the pages of the Holy Bible. The Bible is composed of 66 different smaller compositions, each one with its own peculiar properties. Multiple styles and types of literature are present within this variegated collection of written works. On the surface, it is clear that one part of the Bible is to be considered as sacred history, the book of Genesis and the books of Samuel and Kings would fit into this easily recognized category. These documents must be treated exactly as they are presented: as historical works accentuated by prophetic comment upon the events as they pass before the eyes of the reader. Sacred history is not mere factual rendering of events as they occurred. It is far more than this.

The person and personality of deity intrudes at almost every important juncture in the history. He judges evil doers as such and regularly endorses and blesses righteous words and deeds along with those who embrace or inculcate them. King David’s adulterous relationship with Bathsheba illustrates this point well. After the narrator rehearses the story in all of its ugly detail, he remarks, “*But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord*” (2 Sam. 11:27). It is this special aspect which accentuates the historical literature of the Bible. Additionally, in the biblical history forward movement is constantly toward a single important object. It is not mere history recorded for history’s sake. Rather, it is history with a purpose. The ultimate purpose is the arrival of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. The entirety of the Old Testament is directed toward this irrepressible conclusion. In the New Testament what is only hoped for is fully realized in the incomparable person of Jesus of Nazareth. After His first coming is recorded, then His eventual return, attended by the resurrection and judgment become the conclusion toward which all of history is moving.

Another part of the Bible is strictly legal in nature. The book of Leviticus is an example of this type of literature. Its purpose is to set forth the divine demands for Israel in the era of the first covenant. Ritual cleanness is emphasized in order to underscore the holiness of God. One cannot come into the presence of God while still stained with sin or its sordid evidence upon one’s person. One might get some hint of this if



he could imagine owning a new house with pure white carpet and a big, scruffy, and untrained dog with dark mud coming in out of the rain and tracking into the house, shaking his coat as he made his way through the place! Such a canine would be an unwelcome visitor. God sees the unredeemed sinner in just such a light. Some people read this material as though it had no useful purpose to fulfill, considering it burdensome to appreciate, but it must be remembered that, in the plan and purpose of the All-wise God, it was indicative of higher spiritual verities. Even now it continues to teach this important lesson to human beings who have very little sense of how utterly unseemly and scandalously filthy sin appears to the eyes of the Holy One of Israel.

Still another part of the Old Testament literature is hymnic, qualifying as religious psalmody. The five books that make up the Israel's Psalter or song book, designated in total as the Book of Psalms, is representative of religious music in the Bible. They were penned by individuals like David, the "sweet psalmist of Israel," then they were eventually archived and utilized in the Temple services. Religious songs are filled with beautiful imagery, frequently non-literal in nature. It is so today and it was so back then. Israel's inspired songs lift our hearts through poetic verse to apprehend heavenly realities and even at times to appreciate different features of the Messianic era.

Other elements of the literature are sagely and practical. The book of Proverbs is illustrative of this important element within the biblical corpus. A "proverb" is a saying that encapsulates some important practical or religious truth. However, its meaning has occasionally been pushed beyond its intended purpose in certain isolated instances. A "proverb" is by nature generally true but not universally true. In other words, there are exceptions to every proverb. We must be careful to read these tiny bits of wisdom just as they were written and never push their simple erudition out of the bounds of practical reality into the world of surreal impracticality. Unfortunately this has often occurred in the history of the interpretation of these simple sayings.

The prophetic literature of the Bible is unique among the world's great literary productions. Nothing like it exists elsewhere. Both the Major Prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, as well as the Minor Prophets like Amos, Hosea, and Joel have as their main impetus to set the people of Israel back on track in their observation of the Law of Moses. Their preaching attacked the power politics of their day, condemning kings, princes, the rich and influential, as well as unholy priests, and even other prophets who refused truthfully to proclaim the Word of God and heed it. They also assaulted the godless ways of common men and women. They preached in Israel in the north as well as in Judah in the south. This was

their primary responsibility. Occasionally, they also made predictions of things to come. They are most identified with this particular aspect of their work, especially as it pertains to Jesus Christ. But this by no means defines the major work that they did. The prophets were primarily preachers and their literature ought to be read with this always in mind.

Of course, one of the most significant aspects of the Old Testament literature has to do with its durability. Many people today read these incredibly rich works of our spiritual heritage as if they had to live by them and will someday be judged in the light of them. Even the Jews are inconsistent on this point, however. Jewish readers ignore all of the requirements for bloody sacrificial offerings, believing that their acts of benevolence and deeds of charity are a sufficient replacement. They do not aspire to build the Temple or offer the bodies of animals on that altar any longer. The Judaizing teachers of Paul's day attempted to impose the rite of circumcision upon Gentile converts to the church. Jews are not alone in this idiosyncrasy, though. Modern Sabbatarians observe the seventh-day Sabbath along with many of the food laws while they ignore altogether the other rituals of the Old Testament.

Some other denominational groups believe there is a distinction to be made between the moral and the ritual aspects of the Law. They observe the former but consider the latter to be nonbinding for them and their lives today. Paul's steely words grind all of these theoretical approaches into pulp: "*Yea, I testify again to every man that receiveth circumcision, that he is a debtor to do the whole law*" (Gal. 5:3). We cannot take it piecemeal. It is an all or none proposition. The Law of Moses has been nailed to the cross (Col. 2:14), so we are no longer bound by any of its provisions (Co. 2:16-17). The Old Testament today ought to be read for the spiritual lessons we may learn from it (Rom. 15:4), not because it is the law under which we live (cf. Heb. 8:8ff; Jer. 8:8ff).

## READING THE 27 BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

We could go on with this sort of thing by applying the identical principles to the literature in the New Testament. It is comprised of four Gospels, reports concerning the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of His closest disciples, history (the book of Acts which gives a review of the earliest history of the church as it expanded from Jerusalem to Rome at the hands of men like Simon Peter, Paul, Barnabas, Silas, and others while excluding the important work done in other parts of the world by other apostles of Christ. This suggests that Acts is not intended as a general history of the early church but rather as an explanation of the work done by Peter and Paul to show that they were unified in their approach to the gospel as it pertained to Gentile converts. Essentially it constitutes a refutation of the

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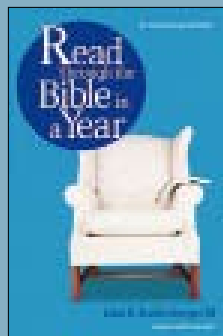
Judaizing teachers' assertion that Peter stood with them against Paul's Gentile mission), Epistles divided into the General type (such as Hebrews) and those assigned to particular churches (Galatians, Philippians, Colossians, etc.) or written to certain designated individuals (Philemon, 3 John).

All of these letters were at first sent to instruct, encourage, or admonish churches and individual Christians in their service for the Lord. The implications and applications as well as the doctrinal and moral particulars of these lessons are appropriate for the Lord's people in every age until Christ returns. They ought to be read in the light of the original circumstances under which they were written, giving due notice to the historical realities applicable at the time. At the end of the day, though, every verse has some practical, even if secondary, application to our own situation and to the church in our own age. That is where "the rubber meets the road" for us.

In addition, the book of Revelation would assuredly fit the typology of "apocalyptic" since that terminology is borrowed from the Greek description of the book in its opening lines (cf. 1:1, *apokalupsis*). This intriguing book describes in colorful language and arresting figures the confrontation between Christianity and the Imperial Roman world power and its unique form of paganism, picturing the definitive triumph of

God over Satan through this bloody and costly conflict. The Lord's punishment of the persecuting power of Rome in His own time is the writer's main interest. As well, the eventual return of Christ and the ultimate rewarding of the righteous is the grand theme of this book since this will represent the final punishment of the oppressive Caesars and their provincial accomplices.

Its picturesque figures, however, have frequently proven challenging to students because they have tended to read them in terms of their own age rather than in concert with the age in which they were first penned. Too, many expositors have attempted to push the realization of most of the Revelation into the "end times" and have tried to make it into a book of eschatology in spite of the fact that it makes no such claim for itself. The result of this mischaracterization of the literature has been a broad misunderstanding of the book and its vibrant symbols. The reader would do well carefully to analyze the first three verses of the first chapter before he launches too deeply into the figures and images which comprise the heart of the work. The things this author discusses are (according to his own words) to "shortly come to pass" (1:1; cf. also 22:6), so any interpretation which does not honor the writer's own self-definition of his work cannot possibly represent a correct understanding of the book.



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# Reading God's Word for Memorization



JOEL PLUNKETT

There is a need to read and memorize Scripture because it engraves God's word on our heart. The "tablets of the testimony" were graven on stones by the finger of God for the children of Israel (Exod. 31:18). The word "statute" means "engrave or write." In Psalm 119, "statute" occurs twenty-two times. In ancient times, statutes were engraved on metal or stone so that people could read the laws and keep them. The wise man, Solomon, said, "My son, keep my words...lay up my commandments with thee...write them on the tablet of your heart" (Prov. 7:1-3).

God said He would make a new covenant with the house of Israel (Jer. 31:31). "I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts..." (Jer. 31:33). The new covenant teaches us to engrave God's word on our hearts. What better way than memorization? We are told in James 1:21 to "receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." Timothy was commended because, from a child, he had known the Holy Scriptures, which were able to make him wise unto salvation. Preachers in the past spent their time memorizing Scriptures rather than memorizing jokes. We need to learn that the power to save is not in man's ability but in the word of God. Paul did not visit Corinth to correct the brethren, but sent them the written word. We are to treasure that word. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21).

What are some of the reasons to memorize Scripture? Memorized passages in our heart will help us in times of temptation. It is the only antidote for sin. Jesus, when tempted in the wilderness, did not ask for a copy of the Old Testament. He quoted Scripture and the devil left Him. The devil – unlike many of us – realized the power of God's word. The same God who spoke the stars into existence spoke His word to us (Heb. 4:11). Hosea said,

*"Thy Word  
Have I Hid  
In My Heart"*

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." (Hos. 4:6). The degree of our spiritual growth is in direct proportion to how much of His word we put in our hearts.

Memorization also allows us to meditate upon what we have studied in our beds, in our cars, in our work, and in all areas of our lives. The word "meditate" carries the idea "of chewing the cud" as a cow receives nourishment. Being able to meditate on verses memorized gives us fresh insight and nourishment for our souls. We digest it until it becomes part of our nature (Ps. 119:15, 23, 48, 78, 148). Most of us have heard or read Hebrews 10:25 until there is no question about where we will be on the first day of the week. All of God's word should become part of our nature. In the spiritual world, we really are what we eat. "Thy words were found, and I did eat them..." (Jer. 15:16). Memory work makes God's word a part of us (1 Pet. 2:2).

Finally, memory work helps us to exercise our minds in godliness (1 Tim. 4:7). A meaning for exercise is "to exert effort." What better way to exert effort than to put God's word in our heart? The brethren of Rock church of Christ in Dickson, Tennessee exercise themselves every Sunday night by memorizing Scripture together fifteen minutes before services. When this effort was first started, some of the elderly thought they could not do it. But, with time and persistence they have surprised themselves. Some say they go to sleep at night quoting these Scriptures. We have memorized together 125 Scriptures. We recite them together led by six men in the congregation using the same version to avoid confusion. We must take the word of God off the pages of the Bible and put it on the pages of our hearts. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Ps. 119:11).



# Bible Reading in Bible Classes



DOUG LANCASTER

**A** denominational friend of mine once visited a Sunday morning Bible class with us. Later, we were discussing his visit and, much to my shock, he told me he was surprised at how much emphasis was placed on the Bible. His comment piqued my interest, so I quickly asked him to expound on it. He proceeded to tell me about the classes where he was attending at the time, telling me how there was a lot of talk of personal experiences, advice for daily living, and reading from the prepared class material, but just not very much actual study of the Bible. He was impressed that we focused on the Bible so much.

My friend's comments caused a lot of introspection about our classes. Of the many collective activities we customarily enjoy together, one of my favorites has always been our Bible classes. Bible classes offer us continued opportunities to read God's instruction manual together and come to a better understanding of what He wants us to know. There is, however, constant pressure from our society to 'modernize' our thoughts and procedures. Many are yielding to this pressure and are exchanging quality time in reading and studying God's word together for a review of comments from scholars and popular figures like athletes and business gurus. Secular, motivational messages and quotes from these folks end up being the focal point of discussions. God's wisdom is supplanted by theirs. Certainly, non-biblical quotations can be helpful, but such should only be done as illustration of God's truth and not as a substitute for it. Bible class teachers need a solid diet of God's word, so they can teach it like it should be taught. Class students need to be focused on studying God's word and be satisfied with learning what God intends. Teachers and students need to hold each other accountable, demanding that teaching and comments be based squarely on the truth of His word.

***Our Bible classes should exhibit a similar picture to that of Nehemiah's day; of God's people yearning to study God's word together; of us focusing our attention on His words and not the wisdom of men; and of us taking the applications of His truth into our daily lives.***

It is interesting to look through the Bible, noting the number of times we are told that God's word was read among groups of people. Consider a few examples. When Moses had come down from receiving the law on Mt. Sinai, we read, "So Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord" (Exod. 24:3). Then notice verse 7, "Then he took the book of the covenant and read in the hearing of the people." Near the end of his

life, Moses told Joshua, along with the priests and elders of Israel, "...you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing" (Deut. 31:11). We later learn of Joshua's faithfulness to this charge. "There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the strangers who were living among them" (Josh. 8:35). During Josiah's reign, the law of God was found (it had been lost in the house of God – a sad commentary). 2 Kings 23:2 tells us, "And he (Josiah) read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant." Acts 13:27 and Acts 15:21 speak of the Scriptures being read regularly in the Jewish synagogues. Allow me to encourage you to search the Bible for many other such examples. God has always wanted His people to focus on His word, both individually and in the company of others. As you know, one can read and study the Bible for a lifetime and still not exhaust the wealth of wisdom, insight, and information contained in it. Bible classes can be a wonderful tool in acquiring knowledge

of the will of God.

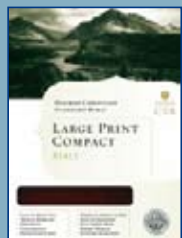
Much Bible class material is available for our use. Good, well-prepared class books abound and can be very helpful in our studies of God's word. However, we should be warned about them. Some material requires little more than turning to a verse and filling in a blank. Although not to my taste, even

these types of books can be used to promote deeper study and thought, if the student is so inclined. What was true of people while Jesus was on earth is still true today. People who have the desire to search and understand His will, are the ones who will look deeper and understand it. We also should be warned against using prepared class material as a crutch. The temptation exists to use these materials as our text for classes, rather than a supplement. As good as those materials may be, they serve as a poor substitute for reading and studying the Bible itself. Always remember that class materials are the works of fallible men. Demand excellence in your class material and be satisfied only with that which is in agreement with God's truth.

In Nehemiah's day, when the remnant returned from captivity to rebuild Jerusalem, God's truth was the focus. "Then he (Ezra) read from it in the open square that was in front of the water gate from morning until midday, before the men and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law" (Neh. 8:3). What a beautiful picture of people with hearts prepared to learn what God had to say. It was not enough to just read and hear the words. The teaching was explained, so that the hearers could understand it plainly. This is evident from verse 8, "So they read distinctly from the book, in the law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading." We see that this pattern of reading, studying, and understanding God's

word continued. The next day found the heads of the families, the priests, and Levites "gathered to Ezra the scribe, in order to understand the words of the law" (Neh. 8:13). Take note how they kept coming back for more, demonstrating a real hunger and thirst for God's instructions. We are told that they found the teaching requiring Israel to build and live in booths during the feast. As a result of understanding what God wanted, they took action and lived in booths during that time. It was not enough just to read, hear and understand what needed to be done. They actually did something about it. They put the teaching into practice. Notice another result we read: "and there was very great gladness" (Neh. 8:17). When people come to the knowledge and understanding of God's will and then take action to follow it, great rejoicing will be produced in our lives.

Our Bible classes should exhibit a similar picture to that of Nehemiah's day; of God's people yearning to study God's word together; of us focusing our attention on His words and not the wisdom of men; and of us taking the applications of His truth into our daily lives. Reading and studying the Bible in Bible classes will produce great joy in our lives as we allow His word to be our guide each day. May we never get to the point where we are surprised at how much the Bible is emphasized in our Bible classes, but rather glorify Him by focusing on His word.



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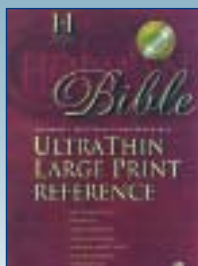


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- Jul 7: Ps 119:1-88
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- Jul 9: Ps 120-132
- Jul 10: Ps 133-139
- Jul 11: Ps 140-145
- Jul 12: Ps 146-150
- Jul 13: Prov 1-3
- Jul 14: Prov 4-6
- Jul 15: Prov 7-9
- Jul 16: Prov 10-12
- Jul 17: Prov 13-15
- Jul 18: Prov 16-18
- Jul 19: Prov 19-21
- Jul 20: Prov 22-23
- Jul 21: Prov 24-26
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- Jul 23: Prov 30-31
- Jul 24: Ecc 1-4
- Jul 25: Ecc 5-8
- Jul 26: Ecc 9-12
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- Jul 28: Is 1-4
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- Aug 1: Is 18-22
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- Sep 19: Hos 1-7
- Sep 20: Hos 8-14
- Sep 21: Joel
- Sep 22: Amos 1-5
- Sep 23: Amos 6-9
- Sep 24: Oba-Jonah
- Sep 25: Micah
- Sep 26: Nahum
- Sep 27: Hab-Zeph
- Sep 28: Haggai
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- Oct 1: Malachi
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- Dec 9: Eph 1-3
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- Dec 11: Philippians
- Dec 12: Colossians
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- Dec 15: 1Timothy
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- Dec 17: Titus-Philemon
- Dec 18: Heb 1-6
- Dec 19: Heb 7-10
- Dec 20: Heb 11-13
- Dec 21: James
- Dec 22: 1Peter
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- Dec 31: Rev 20-22

# Reading God's Word in Children's Bible Classes



CHRIS REEVES

**L**earning the word of God from one's youth is, indeed, a blessing. The psalmist said in Psalm 70:17, "O God, You have taught me from my youth; And to this day I declare Your wondrous works." As we are presented the opportunity to teach young people more about God's word, we should eagerly accept the task and prepare ourselves to accurately divide the word of God (2 Tim. 2:15).

## CHOOSE TO TEACH

It is always exciting beginning a new quarter of teaching young children the Bible in the church's Bible class sessions. Yes, it is also hard work and perhaps not so exciting if our teaching schedule falls at a time when things outside the church have piled on top of us and consumed any extra time that we usually have to offer.

When we make time to prepare our classes and to teach young minds, we make an important choice and certainly an important priority has been placed over those mundane things outside our service to the Lord (Luke 10:41-42). When we use our talents to teach (Rom. 12:3-12), we offer both the Lord and those young minds a great service.

## PREPARATION BEGINS WITH HOMEWORK, NOT THE DECORATIONS

Once we are assigned to teach a Bible class, another important choice we make is how to spend the time getting ready for our classes. We might start out by seeing what topic we've been assigned, what theme to decorate our room, what color of paper to use on our bulletin boards, and even what maps might be available to us. While these decisions might be necessary ones to make, we need to first look at the topic and the Bible text being studied. Too much time can be devoted to supplying the room with papers, crafts and decorating materials, turning the classroom and worksheets into more of a show-and-tell afterwards.

While it is important to captivate a child's attention through our teaching, we need to realize it is God's word we are teach-

ing and keep our emphasis on getting the message of God's word to the ears of those children.

First, open the Bible. Turn to the Bible passages to be studied during your quarter. Read through them. (Yes, this will likely take more than one sitting.) Then, any preparations to be made for your physical classroom will come more naturally. Once you read and study the text yourself, you will know more concerning what part of the text and stories to emphasize. You will realize what overall applications will be necessary to make throughout the quarter. You will be ready to then proceed to teach those young minds the knowledge the Holy Spirit wants those children to have.

Get an outline in your mind, then on paper, of how you will conduct each class. Always keep in mind the importance of Scripture for each class period. Allow the reading of the Scripture to be the focus of each and every class period. Use your aids (workbooks, worksheets, quizzing, etc.) as just that, aids, to further apply the reading.

## READING THE BIBLE IN BIBLE CLASS

Once you begin to teach, make sure an opened Bible is continually used throughout the quarter. When Ezra brought "the Law before the assembly of men and women and all who could hear with understanding," he read the text from morning until midday. In our Bible classes, we typically have 40 to 45 minutes to read God's word. We need to "read distinctly from the book" and help the ones we teach "understand the reading" (Neh. 8:8).

Different ages do require different ways to read God's word.

First of all, *all ages* need to be encouraged to *bring* their own Bible to class. This is a wonderful habit to begin at a very early age.

To the very young, read to them a verse or more, being repetitive at times, so that they can retain even a little part of God's word at a very early age.

To the beginning reader, help them find the passages by

***There is not an age group that does not profit from the reading of God's word.***

reciting the Old or New Testament books that come prior to the one being read. Once they find that book, then count to the chapter number, then to the verse, and read that passage together.

To the more advanced reader, have the child turn to the Scriptures themselves and read them to you and the rest of the class.

To the older children, have them read the verses and then explain their meaning.

These might sound like simplistic instructions, but there are many classes where the Bible is not read. Many teachers are opting to read through a chosen workbook only and then answer only the questions given in the workbook. The rest of the class time is sometimes crammed with frantically filling out worksheets copied from the Internet or coloring pages pulled from coloring books. Teachers sometimes will ask, "How am I ever going to fill 45 minutes with the children in Bible class?" The answer is simple: By reading from the Bible.

Once you read the text that is designated by a helpful workbook, it is profitable to both you and the student to discuss the passages that have been read. After the text is read and discussed, there will be plenty of time left in your class period to review what the author of the Bible class workbook has prepared.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF READING GOD'S WORD IN THE CLASSROOM

We know from 2 Timothy 3:15 the importance of teaching the young the Scriptures. In facing apostasy, Paul reminds Timothy, "But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

There are many homes, even Christian ones, where the Bible is not studied. Your classroom might be the only opportunity that a child has to actually listen to God's word. Children who are visiting during Bible class are sometimes brought by the children of members. It might be that child's first time to study the actual Scriptures.

It is amazing to see the interest these children have when a simple Bible story is read to them. The reading is often followed by some very unique, inquisitive questions. What an opportunity the Lord blesses us with when we read our Bibles to young listeners.

## BIBLE READING IS FOR ALL AGES

There is not an age group that does not profit from the reading of God's word.

It is His blessed Scriptures that strengthen us and give us our needed spiritual growth (Acts 20:32).

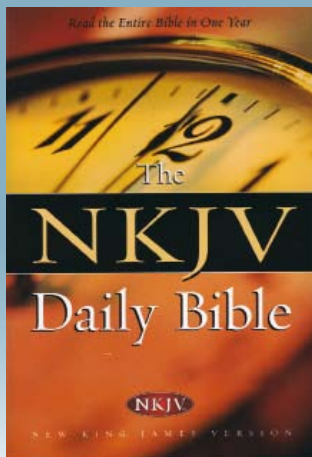
God's word is what gives us assurance of our salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 3:14-15)

The Scriptures are the sword of the Spirit that enables us to withstand the wiles of the Devil as we live our lives in service to the Lord (Eph. 6:10-17)

It is in His Holy word that we learn of our inheritance that awaits us. It is an inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled and does not fade away (1 Pet. 1:3-4).

The psalmist said in Psalm 70:17, "O God, You have taught me from my youth; And to this day I declare Your wondrous works." Read the Bible to today's young people in the children's Bible classes, so that later in life they will be able to declare God's wondrous works.

For additional information, see the article by Twilah Reeves entitled "Bible Class or Activities Class, Which Is It?" at: [www.thegoodteacher.com/Teaching/distaff.htm](http://www.thegoodteacher.com/Teaching/distaff.htm).



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# Reading the Bible in Ladies' Bible Classes

SHARON BAKER

The psalmist wrote in Psalm 63:1, "O God Thou art my God; I shall seek Thee earnestly. . . ." In our modern, fast-paced, time-crunched world, can we still seek God earnestly? Are we reading His word daily? As a wife, mother, and a public school teacher, I have felt the constant pressure of not having enough time to get everything done. Yet I know that I must use God's directions and instructions in order to be the kind of wife, mother, and teacher that He has designed. To know God's "directions" and "instructions" means that I must read daily His word, the Bible.

"I will meditate on Thy Precepts,  
And regard Thy ways" (Ps. 119:15).

"O how I love Thy Law!  
It is my meditation all the day" (Ps. 119:97).

God's word addresses all aspects of being a woman. He is the Creator. Who would know better than He (Isa. 64:8)? In Acts 16:13-15, we read of the example of Lydia and a group of women who gathered by the river in a place of prayer. Currently, ladies' Bible classes or studies are places where women can gather to grow spiritually. The Bible needs to be the first and foremost text which is used in these settings. There are benefits to sharing our thoughts and feelings with each other. For example, one who has experienced the death of a loved one can help another through that extremely difficult trial. Reading the writings of other women as you are reading the Bible can expand an individual's understanding. But personal thoughts, feelings, and writings must conform to the Bible in order to be effective. Moreover, each one of us must read the Bible text for oneself. When women gather to increase

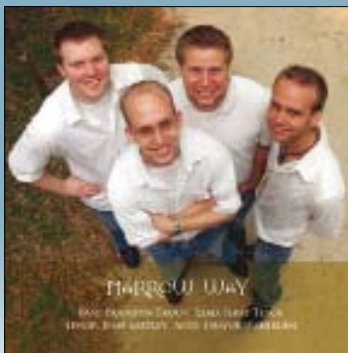
their spiritual knowledge, they should begin by reading God's word. Reading Bible verses in context increases our knowledge of and appreciation for God's revealed word. Titus 2:3-4 reveals the duty of older women to train the younger women. That training should begin by using the Bible text.

Wives of today can be like Priscilla of the New Testament who, with her husband Aquila, taught Apollos "the way of God more accurately" (Acts 18:2-3, 25-27). Priscilla could do this because she had learned for herself the way of the Lord. Today's grandmothers and mothers can do as Lois and Eunice did for Timothy. Timothy's sincere faith as a young man began as a child when he was taught by his mother and grandmother (2 Tim. 1:5). Grandmothers and mothers today can read the Bible to their children and grandchildren. As sisters in Christ, we can help "bear one another's burdens" (Gal. 6:2) and increase our own faith through greater knowledge of God's word.

Even in our instant-messaging, hyperactive, highly mobile society, we can be godly Christian women. We can be strong like Deborah who judged Israel, or as courageous as Queen Esther. Our personal spiritual strength will be only as strong as our knowledge of God's word. Our courage and ability to overcome temptation and remain faithful will be developed only by reading the Bible.

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# Reading and Studying the Bible Electronically



MICHAEL W. STOUT

**W**ith the fast-paced, electronic age we live in today, a Christian can now easily carry the Bible, commentaries, and various Bible study aids in his shirt pocket or her purse. With the help of various handheld electronic devices, he can read God's word, listen to recordings of the Bible, take notes as he studies, literally search the Scriptures, and review Bible aids wherever he might be. He can easily "study to show [himself] approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). Whether on break at work, waiting at the doctor's office, riding the bus, or encountering a warm contact at the grocery store, a Christian can now have God's word at his fingertips with the push of just a few buttons. Technology affords him to be like the Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11), even when on-the-go.

It is impossible to go into public without witnessing others utilizing their cell phones, whether they are talking, texting, surfing the Internet, playing games, or listening to music. Popular cell phones like the iPhone and Blackberry have several applications which can be purchased and downloaded onto the phone to help one even read and study God's word on-the-go. These powerful tools vary greatly in price, but some of the most useful tools are even free of charge. Cell phone Bible reading applications offer God's word in several translations and include various features such as: split-screen to compare two translations, Scripture search by word or phrase, daily Bible reading schedules, and the ability to write and store notes while studying, all in the palm of one's hand with variable font size to adjust to one's personal preference for readability. Unlike a traditional printed Bible, most of these mobile Bible applications do

not include cross-references due to their compactness, but *Strong's Dictionary*, various commentaries, and other reference materials are available for many cell phones as part of, or in addition to, these Bible reading programs.

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Like many cell phones, the Kindle offers several Bible readers at various prices, as well as numerous Bible reference materials. Unlike the majority of the cell phone Bible readers, some Kindle readers include cross-references and in-line *Strong's Dictionary* references. The Kindle includes audio capabilities and some Kindle Bible readers are compatible with text-to-speech to allow Bible students to not only read God's word electronically, but also to listen to recordings of the Scriptures.

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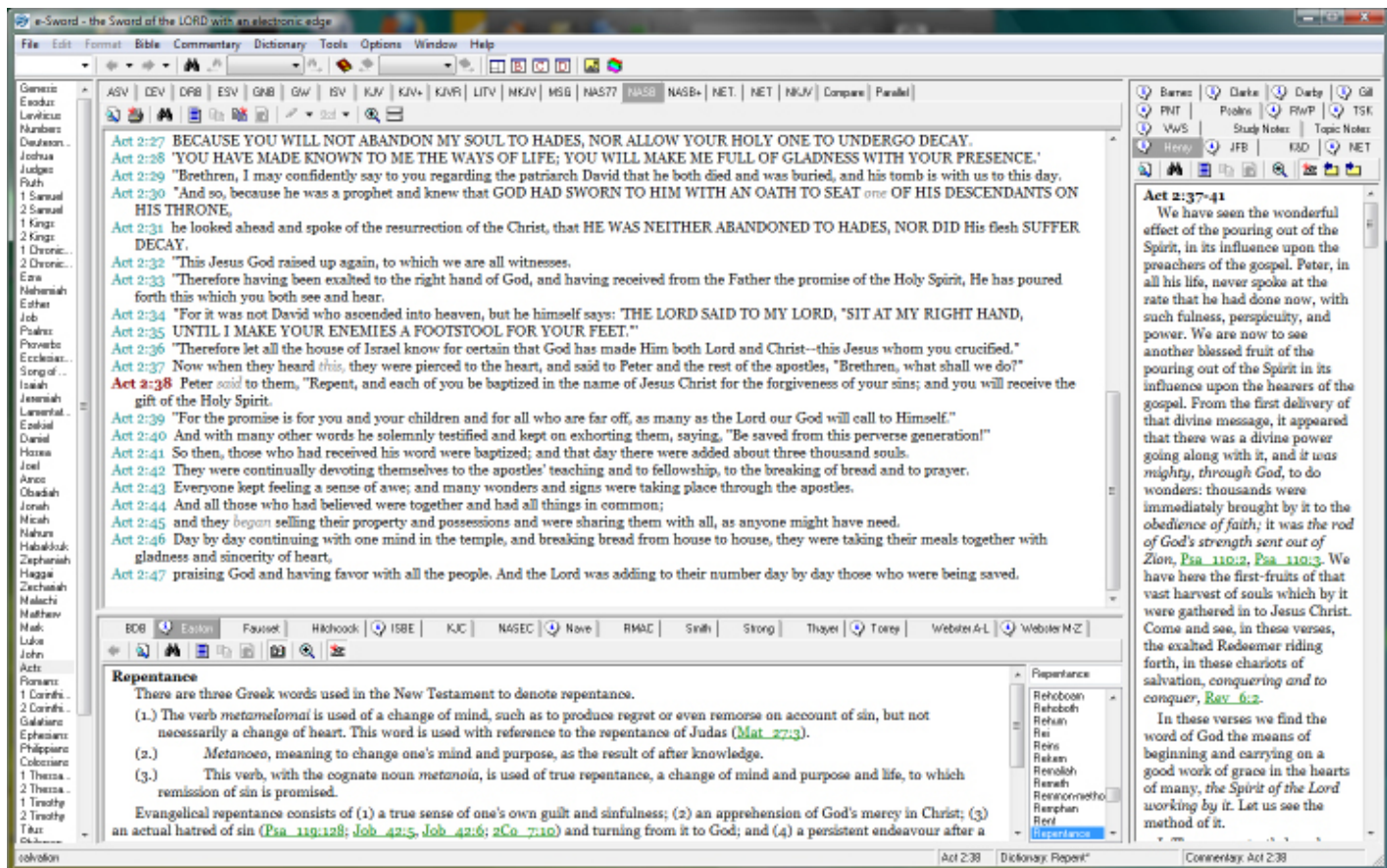
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literate Bible student. Before traveling out-of-town, one can even find a sister-congregation to worship with by visiting the Truth Magazine's website at [www.truthmagazine.com](http://www.truthmagazine.com). **WARNING:** *As with all online information, Internet surfers must beware that all information found on the Internet is not accurate and reliable, so Bible students are urged to compare online religious information to the inspired Scriptures.*

An MP3 player clipped onto one's belt, cradled in his pocket, or plugged into his car stereo allows the convenience of listening to music and audio recordings on-the-go. Numerous audio Bibles are available for consumers, various translations of the Scriptures recorded by an abundance of incredible voice talents, and some even dramatized to include sound effects. These recordings allow a Christian to listen to God's word when it is not conducive to read the Scriptures, whether he's driving, mowing the lawn, sitting at his desk at work, exercising at the gym, or simply enjoying a peaceful stroll through the park. What better is there to listen to when one is enjoying solitude than God's word, not to mention the fact your questions of proper pronunciation of difficult biblical names are being answered through these recordings?

With the convenience of the electronic age and all of these biblical resources at one's fingertips today, a Christian has the great fortune of reading, studying, and listening to the Bible and religious materials wherever he might be. This convenience allows him to always be prepared when an opportunity arises to teach another as Jesus commanded His disciples during His great commission in Matthew 28:19, 20a: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Although these resources are great for one's incredibly busy on-the-go lifestyle, there will never be a substitution for serene reading and studying from your favorite well-loved and well-worn Bible with its delicate pages containing the oracles of God. Take every opportunity that arises, whether at home or on-the-go, to read and study "the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:15).



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# Take Heed How You Read



JUSTIN MONTS

In Luke 8:18 Jesus said, “Take heed how you hear.” A similar admonition could be, “Take heed how you read.” Many can read and still not understand what they’re reading. When I was younger, I used to watch Charlie Brown and the Peanuts and, in their class, Peppermint Patty would sit, not paying attention to the teacher. The voice of the teacher would come across as “Mwo, Mwo, Mwo . . . Mwo, Mwo, Mwo.” She could hear the voice of the teacher. She knew the teacher was talking, but she didn’t pay attention to a word that was said. In like manner, sadly, we may act like Peppermint Patty. We can know that something is written, but unless we pay careful attention to how things are phrased and the implications of what is written, we’ll be no better than Patty at school with her teacher.

It is the devil’s work to blind our eyes from seeing the truth (2 Cor. 4:4). In tempting Christ to jump from the pinnacle of the temple, the Devil said, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone’” (Matt. 4:6). The Devil had taken passages from Psalm 91 out of context. Others may not act from malicious motives, but merely out of ignorance. When Jesus came to the Feast of Booths in Jerusalem, many drew wrong conclusions about Him. “Many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, ‘Truly this is the Prophet.’ Others said, ‘This is the Christ.’ But some said, ‘Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?’ So there was a division among the people because of Him” (John 7:40-43). If just a little more investigation had been done, all would have seen that Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea. They failed to be thorough in a search for truth, and we can be guilty of the same.

Jesus, on the other hand, interpreted the Scripture rightly and called on men to do so as well. Over and over again He asked the question, “Have you not read?” (Matt. 12:3, 5; 19:4; 22:31). He was asking this of the scribes who copied the law and the Pharisees who taught the law (Matt. 23:1-3). Of course in a literal sense they read the law privately

and even recited it in the synagogues. But the point was they hadn’t *understood* what they were reading! Why? Was God’s word impossible to understand? No (Eph. 3:4). The problem was with the heart and that they hadn’t taken time to learn the correct implications (Matt. 15:3-9; John 7:17). Yet Jesus showed us a better way. In Matthew 22, when debating the Pharisees, He asked, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said, “The son of David.” Jesus then connected the dots for them with Psalm 110:1. They knew the Messiah was to be the son of David, that is, a descendant from David’s fleshly line. But as far as being God in the flesh, evidently a good number of them hadn’t reached that conclusion! Jesus took them to the text to illustrate that the Messiah was more than the son of David. He was the very Son of God Himself. “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’” If David calls the Messiah Lord, how is the Messiah merely his son? The Pharisees had not paid attention!

Another example from that same Psalm is when the Hebrew writer showed that Jesus is a high priest by appealing to that Psalm. The Hebrew writer couldn’t claim arbitrarily that Jesus was a high priest. He was writing to an audience that would pick up on an apparent contradiction. If all the high priests were sons of Aaron and Jesus was not a descendant of Aaron, on what grounds could the writer claim Jesus was a high priest? What Scripture would verify it? The answer was simple. Psalm 110:4 stated the Messiah would be a high priest “in the order (mold or make, jnm) of Melchizedek.” Melchizedek predated Aaron and his priesthood. Thus, Jesus had a priesthood which was before and far superior to that of Aaron. An argument once again was made from one phrase in one verse!

It is vital that we pay attention to details when going through a text for these details *will shape* our beliefs and practices. We should ask important questions such as, by whom was this written? Who was this written to? Why was it written? What was the cultural setting of the time? Etc. Details like these are all incredibly important and can play a huge factor in whether we arrive at the proper under-

standing regarding a verse, a chapter, a book, and indeed, whether we arrive at a proper understanding of the whole Bible itself.

So, what are things we can look for when we read the text?

**1. Follow the context, look above and below.** Countless false beliefs and practices have been established because a verse was lifted out of context! For instance, in Hebrews 10:38 when we read, “The just shall live by faith” many have assumed that this teaches justification by faith alone. This was never meant to suggest that faith without works would please God! In the verse just before the writer tells these faltering Christians they need *endurance*, so that after they have *done* the will of God they may inherit the promises (v. 36). After this verse he gives a list of sixteen examples of men and women by name who manifested their faith *by their accompanying actions* (Heb. 11). Does this sound like the writer was trying to teach justification by faith alone? No. Not at all.

Do you look above and below a verse of Scripture when you hear it quoted at church or when you read it on your own?

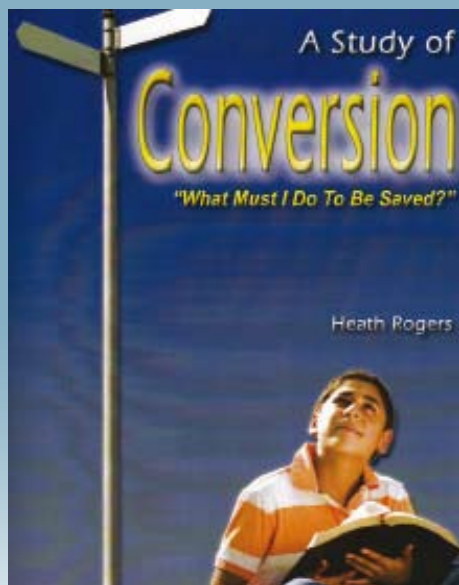
**2. Follow pronouns.** Many in denominations will view Holy Spirit baptism to have been given to the 120 in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost and then conclude it is available for us today. This stems from a failure to look at the text closely and follow the pronouns. Beginning in verse 26 of the first chapter of the book of Acts, we are

reading about the apostles, and no one else. With that information we can know that baptism of the Holy Spirit occurred only on the twelve apostles and not the 120. “When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they (that is, the apostles, jnm) were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they (the apostles, jnm) were sitting. . . . And they (the apostles, jnm) were all filled with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:1-4).

From John 14-17, individuals make all sorts of blunders thinking that the promises of Christ there extend to all Christians and they fail to realize Jesus was just addressing the apostles. We are not guided into all truth directly by the Holy Spirit, but the apostles were (John 16:13)! Like the eunuch, we need to ask perhaps, “Of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man” (Acts 8:34)? Learn *who* is under consideration.

**3. Pay attention to numbers, singular or plural.** Is there authority for a one-man pastor? Biblically speaking, pastors are one and the same as elders and bishops. Whenever we read about them appointed in Scripture they are always presented as a *plurality* of men. When Paul went about teaching congregations about church government the record tells us “they appointed elders in every church” (Acts 14:23). Did you catch that the word “elders” is plural? And with this, the words of other passages agree: Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:1-2; 1 Thess. 5:12-13.

Read with a careful eye. Take heed how you read.



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# Which Bible Translation Should I Read From?



STEVE REEVES

There's a song that little children sing that begins with the phrase, "Read, Read, Read the Book, read it every day. . . ." Elsewhere in this issue are articles encouraging us to read, study, teach, apply, and memorize the Bible. So we get out our favorite English translation of the Scriptures (few of us know Hebrew or Greek well enough to read it in its original language) and begin to read. Is that it? Just choose your favorite version? Do you like the King James Version (KJV) or New King James (NKJV)? Maybe you prefer a more modern translation like New American Standard (NASV) or New International (NIV). Some folks like one that "reads easily," like the New Living Translation (NLT) or God's Word (GW). Still others look for greater literalness reading the American Standard (ASV). Does it really make a difference? Don't they all teach the same thing? Don't all of them accurately express the thought of the author, just in a different way? If we are going to invest our time reading, teaching, and memorizing Scripture, do we not want to be reading all that the Lord has spoken in the way He spoke it?

Before we address the above questions we need to understand a little about the categories of Bible translation. Most English translations of the Bible fall into one of three categories. The first category is called "word-for-word," "literal," or "formal equivalence." Some translators also use the term "essentially literal" (EL) to describe this category, because a truly literal translation would be more what we call a transliteration. Transliterations are found in works like an *interlinear*, where the Hebrew or Greek text is printed with a word-for-word English translation beneath it. The transliteration strictly follows the word order of the original and, without a good understanding of the grammar and syntax of the original, the reader may not get the message of the author. An example of this can be found in Alfred Marshall's interlinear translation of 2 Timothy 1:13. It reads: "*A pattern have thou of being healthy words which from me thou heardest in faith and love in Christ Jesus.*" A rearrangement of the words and sometimes additional words (*italicized*) are needed in order to translate the message of the author in the way the author wrote it. So, we read in the ASV translation: "*Hold the pattern of sound words which thou hast heard from me, in faith*

*and love which is in Christ Jesus.*" Translations like the ASV are sometimes called "formal equivalent" because there is an effort by the translators to have a *form* in English to match the *form* in the original, say for instance, Greek. If the Greek text has a noun or participle, there will be a matching noun or participle in English. If there are eight words in Greek, there will be eight English words, or enough words to accurately translate *all* eight words in the original. In this way the meaning of *every word* in the original is brought over into an English translation. The following translations are considered to be "essentially literal" translations: KJV, NKJV, ASV, NASV, and ESV (English Standard Version).

The second category of Bible translation is called "dynamic equivalence" or "functional equivalence." These translations seek to give the reader a translation of "thought-for-thought" rather than "word-for-word." In these, the translators seek to determine the *meaning* of the words in the original and replicate the same *meaning* in English. The translators do not deem it necessary to translate every word in the original, just the thought or idea. These translators also put a premium on trying to replicate the *impact* on today's reader that is functionally equivalent to the impact that was had on the original reader. This requires the translator to serve as a *commentator* and *editor* as well. The translator will determine what impact was had by the words of Jesus or Paul and then decide how to state their intent in such a way as to have the same impact on the reader today. In order to accomplish this task, the translators sometimes leave out words in the original that they feel might be confusing. In other instances, figurative language in the original is reduced to giving the reader the "meaning" of the figure of speech. While the stated intent of the translator is to bring the reader closer to the author's message, in reality he removes the reader away from the author's original words and without the original words you cannot know meaning! The meaning of a man's message is delivered *in* his words. With "dynamic equivalent" translations, the reader has to trust the translators to give him the right meaning, because the translators will not always give the reader *all* of the words of the original text! In the case of 2 Timothy 1:13, one "dynamic

equivalent” translation ends up changing the meaning of the original text. The *God’s Word* (GW) translation reads: “. . . consider what you heard me to say to be the pattern of accurate teachings.” All of the above mentioned “essentially literal” versions speak of “holding to” or “retaining” the pattern of sound words, while the *God’s Word* translation has Paul saying that you need to “consider” his teachings to be a pattern. While we all may “consider” Paul’s teachings to be a pattern, the issue is: do we need to *hold* to it or not? When you change the words in English, you change the meaning of the original text. The following versions all fall into the category of “dynamic equivalence” translations: NLT, GW, CEV (Contemporary English Version), and NIV. The NIV claims to attempt to strike a balance between “dynamic” and “formal” equivalence. However, some translation scholars place it squarely in the category of a “dynamic equivalence” translation.

The third grouping of Bible translations is an extension of the “dynamic equivalence” type (from here on referred to as DE). These translations are often called paraphrases. The paraphrase philosophy is similar to DE in that there is no concern in translating the original word for word. However, while the DE translations tend to reduce the text in some verses in order to simplify the message, paraphrases tend to add many words in order to explain of the text.

Therefore, in a paraphrase, you have an expansion of the original text. You have many English words and phrases that are not part of the original text!

Why is an understanding of Bible translation important? In recent years I have noted that many brethren are using the newer translations of the DE type as their primary study Bible. Many think that these Bibles are accurate translations just like the KJV, NASV, or others, except that they have an up-dated vocabulary. Many young people are also showing up at Bible studies with the NLT or GW and are not aware of the dangers behind these translations. Some preachers are preaching out of DE type Bibles as their primary text!



## DANGERS OF DYNAMIC EQUIVALENT TRANSLATIONS

First, DE translations tend to exchange figurative language for a plain statement of fact. Paul’s “*thorn in the flesh*” (KJV) becomes “*a recurring problem*” (GW) (2 Cor. 12:7). In Colossians 4:6, Paul tells us that our speech should be “*seasoned with salt*” (ASV), but in GW it becomes “*well thought out*.” One reason that figures of speech are used in all languages is to accurately describe a situation with a limited vocabulary. Before there were thermometers, how would you accurately describe the temperature beyond the use of words like “cool,” “cold,” or “coldest”? You might use a figure of speech and say, “It was cold enough to freeze butter!” That’s cold! If the Lord and the Holy Spirit saw fit to reveal God’s word with figures of speech, who are we to say that they aren’t necessary?

Secondly, these versions introduce denominational doc-

trines (false doctrines) such as “inherited sin.” In Romans 8, the word translated “*flesh*” in many literal versions is translated in several DE versions as, “*sinful nature*” (NIV), “*human nature*” (Today’s English Version), and “*corrupt nature*” (GW). The Scriptures do not teach that man has a corrupt nature! The same bias is seen in Psalm 51:5: “*I was brought forth in iniquity*” (ASV) becomes “*I was born*

*guilty*” (GW) or “*I was sinful at birth*” (NIV). Being born into a world of sinful influence is different than being “born guilty.” This is pure Calvinism!

Finally, DE translations add to and subtract from the original words of the text. The question of who are “they” and “them” in Acts 2:1-4 has been argued with Pentecostals and others. In other words, who was filled with the Holy Spirit and who began to “speak in other tongues”? The original text simply contains Greek pronouns translated (by EL versions) as “they” and “them.” It is up to the reader to understand who “they” were, by the context. The context shows “they” to be the Apostles that were “filled” and began to “speak.”

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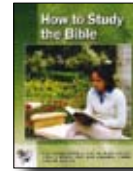
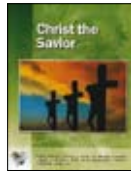
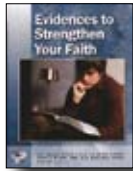
Some DE versions add to these pronouns the phrase “the believers” (GW, TEV, NLT). So they have the “believers” being filled with the Holy Spirit. In 2 John 9, the words “*goeth onward*” (ASV) (from Gr. *proago*) and not abiding in the doctrine of Christ, is left out in some DE versions (GW). In the original, there are *two* injunctions: you must abide in *and* you must not “transgress” (KJV) or “go on ahead” (ESV).

There are many other dangers with the DE versions. Some change “gender references” to suit “political correctness,” while others eliminate “technical theological” words like “grace,” “repentance,” and “righteousness.” We cannot cover them all in this space, but these should suffice to warn us of their danger. While DE versions may be useful in our study as a commentary, or alert us to modern synonyms, or help express a difficult passage, they cannot be relied upon to give us the original message in our language.

Though essentially literal or “word-for-word” translations may seem awkward or at times hard to read, they at least strive to give us all of the words of God in the original text. Why is that important? We need to let the Bible speak. Jesus said in Matthew 4:4: “*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*” In His revelation recorded by John, Jesus warns man to not add to or take away from “*the words of the prophecy*” of that book (Rev. 22:18, 19). An angel told Cornelius that Peter would tell him “*words whereby*” he could be saved (Acts 11:14). When it comes to the salvation of our souls we want to know all of God’s words. We want to read, teach, and memorize all that God has said, nothing more and nothing less.



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<p><b>GRAND JUNCTION, CO</b> Valley Church of Christ 491 Sparrn Road P.O. Box 40531 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Bohannon www.ValleyChurchofChrist.net</p>	<p><b>DELAND, FL</b> North Blvd. Church of Christ 823 N. Woodland Blvd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jack Owen (386) 734-6907 or 734-4311</p>	<p><b>JACKSONVILLE, FL</b> Julington Creek Church of Christ 1630 State Rd 13N Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (904) 230-3332 (Bldg.) or 268-9638 (Wendell Bowman) www.jccoc.com</p>	<p><b>ORLANDO, FL</b> Pine Hills Church of Christ 890 Hastings St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ray West (407) 293-2851 or 290-8650</p>	<p><b>PUNTA GORDA, FL</b> Church of Christ 2300 Taylor Road PO Box 511069 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening (Nov.-Mar.) 4:00 P.M. Evening (Apr.-Oct.) 5:00 P.M. Evangelist: Paul Branch (239) 458-3566</p>	<p><b>PINE MTN. VALLEY, GA</b> Church of Christ Route 116 (near Callaway Gardens) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Tommy W. Thomas (706) 628-5117 or 628-5229</p>
<p><b>IGNACIO, CO</b> Church of Christ 295 Burns Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 1:00 P.M. (970) 563-9418</p>	<p><b>DESTIN, FL</b> South Walton Church of Christ 64 Casting Lake Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (850) 622-3817 www.southwaltonchurchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>JACKSONVILLE, FL</b> Marietta Church of Christ 8150 Driggers St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jamie Rhoden Elders: Jamie Rhoden &amp; Steve Frazier (904) 781-5704 or 693-0432 www.mariettacoc.com</p>	<p><b>ORLANDO, FL</b> Azalea Park Church of Christ 6800 Lake Underhill Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: James P. Needham (407) 277-7931 or 628-2995</p>	<p><b>ST. PETERSBURG, FL</b> Church of Christ 901 49th St. South Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Doug Barlar (813) 321-2721</p>	<p><b>SAVANNAH, GA</b> Coastal Church of Christ 7201 Johnny Mercer Blvd Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ron Nelson ronnelson@embarqmail.com (912) 306-4631 www.coastalchurchofchrist.com</p>



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<p><b>VALDOSTA, GA</b> Church of Christ 4313 North Valdosta Rd. (Located 1 mile E. of Exit 22 off I-75) Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. (No evening worship) Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (229) 244-8630</p>	<p><b>PALATINE, IL</b> Church of Christ (N.W. Chicago Suburb) 1050 N. Deer Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (847) 967-9667</p>	<p><b>MUNCIE, IN</b> Church of Christ 301 N. Calvert Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Kevin Sulc (765) 284-5299 or 286-5488</p>	<p><b>EL DORADO, KS</b> Emporia St. Church of Christ 1154 S. Emporia Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (316) 321-1025</p>	<p><b>CAMPBELLSVILLE, KY</b> Sunny Hill Dr. Church of Christ (near the Dairy Queen) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Lee stevelee4510@windstream.net (270) 789-1651</p>	<p><b>REGINA, KY</b> Road Creek Church of Christ 7 miles west of Elkhorn City on Route 460 &amp; Route 80 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (606) 754-9883, 754-8642 or 754-5398</p>
<p><b>BLACKFOOT, ID</b> Church of Christ 370 N. Shilling P.O. Box 158-83221 Bible Study 1:30 P.M. Worship 2:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (208) 785-6168 or 681-1552</p>	<p><b>CLARKSVILLE, IN</b> Clarksville Church of Christ 407 Lewis and Clark Pkw. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Kipp Campbell (812) 941-0747 or 944-2305 KCcampbell@earthlink.net Elders: 944-1878 or 948-9917</p>	<p><b>OOUITIC, IN</b> Church of Christ 400 Lafayette Ave. P.O. Box 34 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (812) 279-4332</p>	<p><b>LENEXA, KS</b> Lenexa Church of Christ 7845 Cottonwood Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jim Stauffer (913) 631-6519 or 764-9170</p>	<p><b>CANEYVILLE, KY</b> Caneyville Church of Christ 103 N. Main St. (near the 4 way stop) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dale Barnes (270) 879-6152 or 274-3065</p>	<p><b>BATON ROUGE, LA</b> Park Forest Church of Christ 9923 Sunny Cline Dr. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Crews 275-4684 or 273-1105</p>
<p><b>ABINGDON, IL</b> Abingdon Church of Christ 209 N. Main Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Evangelist: John B. Wilson (309) 462-5368</p>	<p><b>ELLETSVILLE, IN</b> Church of Christ 303 W. Temperance St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Isaac Edwards (812) 876-2285</p>	<p><b>PEKIN, IN</b> Church of Christ (First St. &amp; Karnes Ct.) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Henry 967-3437 or 967-3520</p>	<p><b>TOPEKA, KS</b> 17th Street Church of Christ 5600 SW 17th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (785) 235-8687 or 273-7977 www.17thstreetchurchofchrist.org</p>	<p><b>DANVILLE, KY</b> 385 E. Lexington Ave. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 11:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Scott ViQuain (859) 236-4204 or 238-0860</p>	<p><b>BOSSIER CITY, LA</b> Bossier Church of Christ 2917 Foster Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (318) 747-4308 or 742-4557</p>
<p><b>BENTON, IL</b> Church of Christ 203 N. Central St. P.O. Box 12 (west of Wal-Mart) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Greg King (618) 438-2911 or 435-2981</p>	<p><b>HAMMOND, IN</b> Woodmar Church of Christ 2133 169th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (219) 845-8942</p>	<p><b>PLAINFIELD, IN</b> Church of Christ 350 E. Township Line Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Johnie Edwards (317) 839-0174</p>	<p><b>WICHITA, KS</b> Ridge Road Church of Christ 7001 W. 21st St., North Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. (316) 722-6622 or 744-1841</p>	<p><b>FRANKLIN, KY</b> 31-W North Church of Christ 1733 Bowling Green Road Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Monts (270) 586-3978 www.franklinchurch.com</p>	<p><b>HELP VACATIONING CHRISTIANS FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP</b></p>
<p><b>CHICAGO, IL</b> Northside Church of Christ 2543 W. Division St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James R. Davis, Jr. (312) 961-2150</p>	<p><b>HOBART, IN</b> Church of Christ 300 N. Liberty St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jerry Cleek (219) 942-2663</p>	<p><b>RICHMOND, IN</b> Gaar Road Church of Christ 1835 Gaar Rd. (1 mi. S. of I-70 off Hwy. 227) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Douglas R. Clark (765) 935-2911</p>	<p><b>WICHITA, KS</b> Westside Church of Christ 2626 W. 47th St. South Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike O'Neal (316) 729-9302 or 942-1649 www.cocwestside.com</p>	<p><b>GLASGOW, KY</b> East Main St. Church of Christ 106 Carnation Dr. (across from Gorin Park) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Doug Lancaster (270) 404-0346 or 651-7141</p>	
<p><b>CHICAGO, IL</b> Church of Christ 1514 West 74th Street Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James E. Scott Bldg. (773) 224-9279 (708) 339-6126</p>	<p><b>INDIANAPOLIS, IN</b> Castleton Church of Christ 7701 East 86th St., 46256 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (317) 842-3613</p>	<p><b>SALEM, IN</b> Westside Church of Christ 2000 West State Rd. 56 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Evan Casey (812) 883-2033 www.westsidechurchofchrist.info</p>	<p><b>BEAVER DAM, KY</b> Church of Christ 1235 Williams St. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study After Worship Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike Thomas (270) 274-4451 or 274-4486</p>	<p><b>LEITCHFIELD, KY</b> Mill St. Church of Christ Highway 62 E. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joey Cooper (270) 259-4968</p>	<p><b>MANY, LA</b> Lakeside Church of Christ 12095 Texas Hwy. (Hwy. 6 W.) 12 miles west of Many Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (318) 256-9396</p>
<p><b>DOWNERS GROVE, IL</b> Church of Christ 1236 63rd St. (1 and 1/2 mile E. of I355) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (630) 968-0760 • www.dgccc.org</p>	<p><b>JAMESTOWN, IN</b> Church of Christ (1 Mi. south of I-74) Cor. Darlington &amp; Mill Sts. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David Halbrook (765) 676-6404 or (317) 892-6285</p>	<p><b>TRAFALGAR, IN</b> Spearsville Rd. Church of Christ, 6244 S. 500W. (1.2 mi. S. of Hwy. 135) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David R. Dodd (317) 878-5969 or (317) 439-3252 spearsvilleroadmessenger@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>BOWLING GREEN, KY</b> Eastside Church of Christ 1706 Smallhouse Rd Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wed. 10:00 A.M. &amp; 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Gary Kerr (270) 843-9925 www.mightytisthelord.com</p>	<p><b>LOUISVILLE, KY</b> Valley Station Church of Christ 1803 Dixie Garden Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Dudley Ross Spears (502) 937-2822</p>	<p><b>STONEWALL, LA</b> N. DeSoto Church of Christ 2071 Highway 171 (South of Shreveport) Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Bobbitt (318) 925-2733</p>
<p><b>GLEN ELLYN, IL</b> Church of Christ 796 Prairie, 60137 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Joseph T. Novak (630) 529-2149 (630) 858-2290</p>	<p>See YOUR ad here!</p>	<p><b>DES MOINES, IA</b> Church of Christ 1310 N.E. 54th Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:40 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (515) 262-6799</p>	<p><b>BOWLING GREEN, KY</b> West End Church of Christ 300 Blue Level Rd., 42101 Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Todd Chandler &amp; Lowell Sallee (270) 842-7880 www.westendchurch.com</p>	<p><b>LOUISVILLE, KY</b> Church of Christ 4401 West Broad St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Donald Wright, Jr. (502) 772-3026 or 491-9372</p>	<p><b>WEBSTER, MA</b> Church of Christ Webster 168 Main St. Sunday Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship 10:30 A.M. Wed Bible Study Call for details (508) 765-6067 Preacher: Peter Capoccia</p>
<p><b>MATTOON, IL</b> Southside Church of Christ 1100 S. 17th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (217) 234-3702</p>	<p><b>MARION, IN</b> South Marion Church of Christ 3629 S. Washington St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Alan Jones (765) 922-7602</p>	<p><b>GRINNELL, IA</b> Church of Christ 1402 Third Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (641) 236-1955 (641) 521-6485</p>	<p><b>BRANDENBURG, KY</b> Brandenburg Church of Christ 612 Broadway Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Charles J. White (270) 422-3878</p>	<p><b>OWENSBORO, KY</b> Southside Church of Christ 2920 New Hartford Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jarrod Jacobs (270) 683-5386 or 264-7869</p>	<p><b>PORTLAND, ME</b> Church of Christ 856 Brighton Ave. (Breakwater School) Leave Maine Turnpike at Exit 48 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Second service immediately following morning worship. Mid-week Bible Study—Please call for times &amp; places (207) 839-3075 or 839-8409</p>



<p><b>ARBUTUS, MD</b> Arbutus Church of Christ 5205 East Dr., Suite D (East Drive Shopping Center) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Church phone: (410) 247-1396, (410) 590-2852</p>	<p><b>CLINTON, MS</b> McRaven Rd. Church of Christ 301 McRaven Rd. (120, exit 36) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Leonard White (601) 925-9757 or 924-2645</p>	<p><b>DONIPHAN, MO</b> Southside Church of Christ Hwy. 142 E. ½ mile (P.O. Box 220) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (573) 996-3251 or 996-3513</p>	<p><b>ST. JAMES, MO</b> Church of Christ 685 Sidney St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Lynn Huggins (573) 265-8628</p>	<p><b>ALAMOGORDO, NM</b> 25th &amp; Hawaii Church of Christ P.O. Box 2065 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. (505) 434-5834</p>	<p><b>HELP VACATIONING CHRISTIANS FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP</b></p>
<p><b>SEVERN, MD</b> Southwest Church of Christ 805 Meadow Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Brandon Trout (410) 969-1420 or (410) 551-6549 www.swcofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>COLUMBUS, MS</b> Woodlawn Church of Christ 359 Sanders Mills Rd. Steen Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Willis Logan (601) 356-6629</p>	<p><b>FAIR GROVE, MO</b> Church of Christ 217 N. Orchard Blvd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Walter Myers (417) 830-8972 or (417) 736-2663</p>	<p><b>ST. JOSEPH, MO</b> County Line Church of Christ 2727 County Line Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (816) 279-4737 www.countylinechurchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>ALBUQUERQUE, NM</b> Albuquerque Church of Christ 1908 Sunshine Terrace SE Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (call to confirm time) 764-9277</p>	<p><b>HOPE MILLS, NC</b> Gray's Creek Church of Christ Gray's Community Bldg. School Road Worship 10 am Bible Study 11am (910) 321-9023 (910) 424-2372</p>
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<p><b>CEDAR SPRINGS, MI</b> Grand Rapids Area W. Michigan Church of Christ Sr. Citizen Center, 44 Park St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joseph Gladwell (616) 975-2778</p>	<p><b>MERIDIAN, MS</b> Grandview Church of Christ 2820 Grandview Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Danny Gardner (601) 681-4505 or 482-9543 dg1969@bellsouth.net</p>	<p><b>KANSAS CITY, MO</b> Vivion Road Church of Christ 2026 N.E. Vivion Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Tom Kinzel (816) 453-6157</p>	<p><b>BEATRICE, NE</b> Church of Christ 7th and Bell Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. 233-4102 or 228-3827 www.churchofchrist7bell.com</p>	<p><b>Place Your Ad Today!</b></p>	<p><b>BEAVERCREEK, OH</b> Knollwood Church of Christ 1031 Welford Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Keith Greer (937) 426-1422</p>
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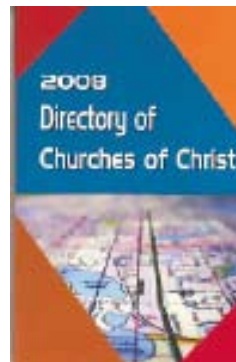


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