



***Loving God's Word  
More Than Gold***  
***Study 1 – Why Study the Bible?***

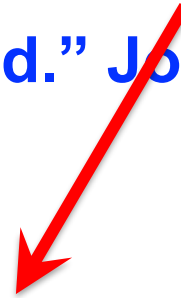
# *The Plan*

<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Why Study The Bible?</b>
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Why We Can Trust the Bible</b>
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>How to Prepare to Study the Bible, part 1</b>
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<b>Session 5</b>	<b>SMA – <b>Preparing</b> To Know What The Bible Says</b>
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***Why **Do You** Want To Learn  
How To Study The Bible?***

# ***Assumption #1 — You A Christian***

**Unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:3**



**... understand the Bible either!**

**(1 Corinthians 2:14)**

# ***Assumption #2 — You Long To Know The Bible***

- **Psalm 19:10**
- **Job 23:12**
- **Jeremiah 15:16**

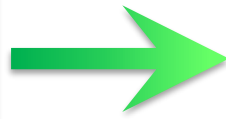
**“Where there is life, there is likely to be appetite. A dead man never hungers.”<sup>1</sup>**

**– R. A. Torrey**

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# ***Joy of Bible Study***

**Know The  
Truth**



**Receive  
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**Receive  
Blessings**

# ***Discovery #1 — About The Bible***

**What is the Bible according to these verses?**

- **John 17:17b**
- **Colossians 1:5**
- **2 Timothy 2:15**



# ***Discovery #2 — About Salvation***

**How does someone obtain salvation?**

- **2 Timothy 3:15-17**
- **Luke 16:30-31**
- **Romans 15:4**
- **Ephesians 2:8-9**

## New Testament Passages About Believing, Repenting, Confessing and Being Baptized

***We Are Saved  
By Faith In  
Christ***

***— Not By —  
Baptism or Works***

Passage	Believe	Repent	Confess	Baptized	New Testament Passages (NASB)
Mark 1:15	X	X			Repent and believe in the gospel.
Mark 16:16	X			X	He who believes and is baptized will be saved . . .
Luke 8:12	X				So that they may not believe and be saved.
John 1:12	X				The right to become children of God, to those who believe . . .
John 3:5				X	Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
John 3:15	X				So that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.
John 3:16	X				Whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.
John 3:18	X				He who believes in Him is not judged . . .
John 3:36	X				He who believes in the Son has eternal life . . .
John 5:24	X				He who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life . . .
John 6:40	X				Everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life . . .
John 6:47	X				Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.
John 11:25-26	X				He who believes in Me shall live even if he dies
John 20:31	X				But these have been written that . . . believing you may have life in His name
Acts 2:37-38		X		X	Repent, and let each of you be baptized . . . for the forgiveness of your sins . . .
Acts 3:19		X			Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away . . .
Acts 8:36-37		Not in Best MSS			What prevents me from being baptized? . . . Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart.
Acts 10:43	X				Everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.
Acts 16:31	X				Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved . . .
Acts 19:4	X			X	John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him . . .
Acts 22:16				X	Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.
Acts 26:18	X				Receive forgiveness of sins and . . . have been sanctified by faith in Me.
Romans 1:16	X				For salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
Romans 3:22	X				The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe . . .
Romans 4:3	X				ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS . . .
Romans 6:4				X	Buried with Him through baptism into death . . . Christ was raised from the dead
Romans 10:9	X		X		Confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart . . .
Galatians 3:6	X				Abraham BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS . . .
Galatians 3:22	X				The promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe . . .
Galatians 3:26-27	X	Not About Baptism			All sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ . . .
Ephesians 2:8-9	X				For by grace you have been saved through faith . . . not as a result of works . . .
1 Timothy 1:16	X				As an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life . . .
Titus 3:5		Not About Baptism			He saved us . . . by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit . . .
James 2:23	X				AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS . . .
1 Peter 1:9	X				Obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls . . .
1 Peter 3:21				X	Now saves us - baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh . . .
1 John 3:23	X				And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ . . .

# ***Discovery #3 — About Spiritual Growth***

**1 John 2:12-14 . . .**



**Little Children**

"Sins forgiven"  
1 John 2:12



**Young Man**

"Strong, Word of God  
abides, overcomes the evil one"  
1 John 2:14



**Father**

"Known Him Who is  
from the beginning"  
1 John 2:13

# **Discovery #4 — About *The Ultimate Goal***

**What does the Bible reveal God wants from you?**

- **Exodus 33:18-20; John 1:18; 1 John 4:12**
- **Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17**
- **Job 26: 7-14**
- **Jer. 29:13-14**
- **Prov. 25:2**
- **Hebrews 11:6**

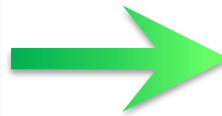
# **Discovery #4 — About *The Ultimate Goal***

What is the **Ultimate Goal** for a believer?

- **Philippians 3:8**
- **1 Corinthians 10:31**
- **Revelation 21:2-3, 22-24**

# *Joy of Bible Study*

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# ***Discovery #1 — About Blessings***

**What should a believer experience?**

- **1 John 1:4**
- **Revelation 1:3**
- **John 14:27; 15:11**

# ***Discovery #2 — About Pleasing God***

**Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. Act 17:11**

- **Why did God praise the people in the city of Berea?**
- **How can you please God?**



# ***Things To Do***

# ***Assignment***

- 1. Memorize the books of the Bible in order.**
- 2. Can you discover the truth revealed in the two charts titled “The Old Testament.”**

# *The Old Testament*

## What Do These Passages Reveal? — Compare Them

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|------------------|--|
| Genesis          | – <b>Matt 19:4-5</b> ; <b>Gen. 1:27; 2:24</b>        |
| Exodus           | – <b>Eph. 6:1</b> ; <b>Exodus 20:12</b>              |
| Leviticus        | – <b>Matt. 8:4</b> ; <b>Lev. 14:2</b>                |
| Numbers          | – <b>Heb. 3:5</b> ; <b>Num. 12:7</b>                 |
| Deuteronomy      | – <b>Matt. 4:10</b> ; <b>Deut. 6:16</b>              |
| Joshua           | – <b>Heb. 13:5</b> ; <b>Josh. 1:5</b>                |
| Judges and Ruth  | – <b>Heb. 11:32</b> ; <b>Judges 4:6; 6:11; 13:24</b> |
| 1 & 2 Samuel     | – <b>Matt. 12:3-4</b> ; <b>1 Sam. 21:1-6</b>         |
| 1 & 2 Kings      | – <b>Rom. 11:4</b> ; <b>1 Kings 19:18</b>            |
| 1 & 2 Chronicles | – <b>Matt. 23:35</b> ; <b>2 Chron. 24:20-22</b>      |

# ***The Old Testament***

Ezra & Nehemiah

– **John 6:31; Neh. 9:15**

Job

– **1 Cor. 3:19; Job 5:12; James 5:11**

Psalms

– **Matt. 21:42; Ps. 118:22-23**

Proverbs

– **James 4:6; Prov. 3:34**

Isaiah

– **John 1:23; Isa. 40:3**

Jeremiah

– **Matt. 2:17-18; Jer. 31:15**

Ezekiel

– **John 3:10; Ezek. 36:25**

Daniel

– **Matt. 24:15; Dan. 9:27; 12:11**

The Twelve

– **Rom. 1:17; Habakkuk 2:4**

The Twelve

– **Heb. 12:26; Haggai 2:6**