



GROWING



But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

II Peter 3:18

Word of God



Harvest
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Course Outline



Gift of Eternal Life

- Salvation by Grace
- Eternal Security
- Assurance



Relationship with God

- Baptism
- Communication
- Fellowship



Only One God

- The Triune God
- Father
- Son
- Holy Spirit



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- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Inspiration



Identification with Christ

- Our rival
- Our responsibility
- Our reward



Need of the Nations

- Go
- Tell
- Train



Giving Back to God

- Church Giving
- Missions Giving
- Special Giving

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Introduction

The Bible states, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

As we study the wonders of the universe, the intricate details of a beautiful flower, the amazing precision of the stars and planets in their courses, or the life systems in the human anatomy that allow us to live and breathe, we cannot help but conclude that behind all this design there must be a designer. If we believe that there is a God that created us, then it stands to reason that He would want to communicate with His creation. If God is Holy and just, then there is a moral absolute in the universe and a punishment for those who violate those absolutes. If He is all-powerful then He has the means to judge and punish us. However, by considering the universe we can also learn that God is interested in our good and loves us. The earth is designed to sustain us, and it's great beauty reveals that our creator cares about us. If this is true then not only would He provide for our physical needs but also for our spiritual needs. And if God is so gracious as to provide for our spiri-

Because Jesus was the word made flesh, I think it is appropriate to draw upon Him to illustrate precisely what occurred in order to bring about our God-breathed book.

- Just as Jesus was God in the form of man, so the Bible is God's thoughts in man's language.
Philippians 2:6-7

It escapes me how Jesus can be both 100% God and 100% man, but I believe it by faith. I have no problem with serving a God who I don't understand completely. His ways are higher than my ways, if it were not so, He wouldn't be God! In the same way I do not understand all of the "in's" and "out's" of inspiration but I can accept by faith that, "He guided the writers to choose such words to express His message as were normal to their style and vocabulary and yet were the very words in which He wanted it expressed." (Introduction to the New Testament, Thiessen, p.80)





IV. Inspiration

- All scripture is given by inspiration of God.
II Timothy 3:16
- The Greek word that is translated as "inspiration" is "theopneustos".
⇒ "theo" means God
⇒ "pneustos" means breathed
- Therefore the scriptures are "breathed" by God, and written by man.

2 Peter 1:21 gives us some insight as to how God accomplished this:

- "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

The same Greek word that is translated as "moved" in 2 Peter 1:21 is used to describe a ship in the middle of a storm in Acts 27:15.

"Just before the ship that was taking Paul to Rome was wrecked on the Island of Malta, it ran into a fierce storm. Though experienced men, the sailors could not guide it, so they finally had to let the wind take the ship wherever it blew. In the same manner as that ship was driven, directed, or carried about by the wind, God directed and moved the human writers He used to produce the books of the Bible. Though the wind was the strong force that moved the ship along, the sailors were not asleep and inactive. Similarly, the Holy Spirit was the guiding force that directed the writers who, nevertheless, played their own active roles in writing the Scriptures." (Basic Theology, Ryrie, p.69)

tual need, it stands to reason that He would communicate this to man.

Out of all the religious writings on earth that claim to be from God, only one truly passes the test...the Bible. Indeed it is a supernatural book! It is made up of 66 separate books. Penned by some 40 human authors, many of whom never knew each other. They had different languages, lived in different locations and had different occupations. Their writings span a period of approximately 1500 years, and yet as we read the Bible, it reveals itself as one book. One theme, one purpose, one message.

It has been supernaturally preserved down through the ages. Countless enemies have risen up against it, yet it endures, and continues to be the world's bestseller. The fact that you are reading this study booklet right now, is a result of God's protection of His word and His desire for you to know His love for you.

In addition to these amazing facts, is the overwhelming amount of fulfilled prophecies contained in the Bible. From Jesus' place of birth to the way He would die, all is predicted with 100% accuracy. There is no book like the Bible. It is God's word to us explaining the provision He has made for our greatest need of all, our need of a Saviour!



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Daily Bible Readings

Memory Verse

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

- II Timothy 3:16

Day 22

Read II Peter 1:15-21

This book was written by the apostle Peter, according to verse 16, how did he come to know about the "power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ"? (circle the correct answer)

- A. He followed cunningly devised fables.
- B. He was an eyewitness of Christ's majesty.
- C. He heard about it from a friend of a friend.

Fill in the blanks for II Peter 1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Day 23

Read 2 Timothy 3:12-17

According to II Timothy 3:15 what is able to make us wise unto the salvation available

Prophecy

Isa 7:14 (BC 742)

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Mic 5:2 (BC 710)

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Isa 53:5 (BC 712)

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Ps 22:16 (BC 975)

For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

Ps 22:18 (BC 975)

They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

Ps 34:20 (BC 975)

He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

Fulfilment

Matt 27:26 (AD 33)

Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

John 19:33 (AD 33)

But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:

Matt 1:18 (AD 1)

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Matt 2:1 (AD 1)

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

John 20:27 (AD 33)

Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

Mark 15:24 (AD 33)

And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.





Let us furthermore imagine that at the completion of the thirty-ninth chapter, the writing for some reason suddenly stops. Not one word is therefore added from the sixteenth until the twentieth century. After this long delay it begins once again when eight new authors add the final twenty-seven chapters. With all this in mind, what would be the chances of this religious novel becoming a moral, scientific, prophetic, and historical unity? The answer is obvious—not one in a million. And yet this is the story of the Bible. (Wilmington’s Guide to the Bible, p.811)

II. The Test of Time

- The Bible will endure forever.
I Peter 1:25

The French philosopher Voltaire once said, “Another century and there will be not a Bible on the earth.” After his death the house where he lived and the printing press used to publish his atheistic works was purchased by the Geneva Bible Society and used to publish the Bible. (Wilmington’s Guide to the Bible, p. 813)

It [the Bible] is subversive literature. It has led to the overthrow of governments, sparked mass migrations across oceans, and more than once changed the course of history. Governments -- from the 16th-century English monarchy to the communist Soviet Union -- have gone to great lengths to restrict or even prevent its printing and distribution. Yet it has outlasted its enemies. It is the most popular book ever printed. No other has been translated into so many languages and few have had such impact on the development of those languages. (Rogers, n.d.)

III. The Accuracy of Prophecy

- God demands that His message be relayed with 100% accuracy.
Deuteronomy 18:20-22

through faith in Christ Jesus?
holy scriptures

In II Timothy 3:16, what is all scripture given by? inspiration of God

What is it profitable for?

1. doctrine
2. reproof
3. correction
4. instruction in righteousness

Day 24

Read Hebrews 4:12-16

(the word “quick” in verse 12, means “living” or “alive”)

Fill in the blanks for Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is quick,
and powerful, and sharper
than any twoedged sword, piercing even
to the dividing asunder of soul and
spirit, and of the joints and marrow,
and is a discerner of the thoughts
and intents of the heart.

Day 25

Read I Peter 1:18-25

Verse 24 compares all flesh to grass and the glory of man to the flower of grass, what happens to the grass and the flower? The grass withereth and the flower falleth away.

According to verse 25, how long does the word of the Lord endure? for ever





Day 26

Psalm 119:97-105

“Precept” means “a rule or principle”, according to verse 104 what do we get through God’s precepts? understanding

Fill in the blanks for Psalm 119:105

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Day 27

Read James 1:22-25

Fill in the blanks for James 1:22

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

According to verse 25, if a man is not a “forgetful hearer” but a “doer of the work” what will happen? This man shall be blessed in his deed.

Day 28

Read Isaiah 55:6-11

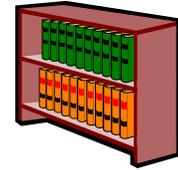
Fill in the blanks for Isaiah 55:11

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

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Lesson Four

I. The Amazing Unity of Scripture



- The Bible is a book of books.
- 66 books altogether
- 39 in the Old Testament
- 27 in the New Testament



- 40 different human authors
- ⇒ Different languages
- ⇒ Different locations
- ⇒ Different occupations
- Over a period of approximately 1500 years.

- Yet the Bible presents 1 message.



Let us imagine a religious novel of sixty-six chapters which was begun by a single writer around the sixth century A.D. After the author has completed but five chapters, he suddenly dies. But during the next 1000 years, up to the sixteenth century, around thirty amateur "free-lance" writers feel constrained to contribute to this unfinished religious novel. Few of these authors share anything in common. They speak different languages, live at different times in different countries, have totally different backgrounds and occupations, and write in different styles.

