

Thursday Deut. 1 – 4 Mark 15  
Friday Deut. 5 – 10 Mark 16  
Saturday Deut. 11 – 14 Luke 1  
Sunday Deut. 15 – 20 Luke 2

## **LESSON SEVEN**

### **BASIC BIBLE KNOWLEDGE**

**Text: 2 Peter 1:20 – 21**

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 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.

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Bible is the Christian text book. Without the Bible there will be no salvation, no Church and no hope of Heaven. This is true because this information is revealed to the Christian exclusively in the scriptures (Bible). For us to keep abreast of the scripture we must be ready to learn. Moreover as Christians we are disciples for Jesus Christ, and a disciple is a student or a learner. Thus it is very necessary that we are thoroughly familiar with the Bible and its content through our knowledge in the WORD.

The Bible says; “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2Timothy 2:15

In the light of this, in this lesson we are going to study about the Bible on the

**Topic: BASIC BIBLE KNOWLEDGE.**

I assure you of great help as you carefully study.

**MEMORY VERSE:**

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:  
That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.  
2 Timothy 3: 16 – 17

## 1. KEY FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

- a. The Bible is a library of sixty-six (66) books bound in one jacket.
  - b. These books were written by forty (40) authors (writers)
  - c. These books were written over a period of 1,600 years (1500 BC – 100 AD)
  - d. The Bible is divided into two major parts:
    - i. The Old Testament with 39 books
    - ii. The New Testament with 27 books
- Total 66 books

The Old Testament was first written to the Jewish nation and has been passed down to Christians as God's revelation from former times. This is the foundation upon which the New Testament Christianity stands. The New Testament is the authority, standard and guide for God's people in the Christian age.  
(John 12:48)

- e. These 66 books were written by men who were inspired by God:- 1Cor. 2:13, 2Tim. 3:16, 2Pet. 1:20-21.

## 2. CLASSIFICATION OF THE BIBLE BOOKS

- a. LAW OF MOSES (The Pentateuch 5 books)  
Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy
- b. HISTORY OF THE JEWISH NATION (12 books): Joshua, Judge, Ruth, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, 1&2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther.
- c. POETRY AND PRAISE (5 books)  
Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Songs of Solomon.
- d. PROPHETIC (17 books)
  - i. MAJOR PROPHETS (5 books)  
Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentation, Ezekiel, Daniel.
  - ii. MINOR PROPHETS (12 books)  
Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

- e. BIOGRAPHICAL (The life and Ministry of Jesus Christ “The Gospel” 4 books)  
Matthew, Mark, Luke, John.
- f. CHURCH HISTORY (1 book) Acts of The Apostles
- g. EPISTLES “Letter” (21 books)
- i. PAUL’S LETTERS (13). Romans, 1&2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon.
- ii. GENERAL LETTERS (8)  
Hebrews, James, 1&2 Peter, 1,2&3 John, Jude
- h. PROPHECY (1 book):- Revelations

### 3. THREE MAJOR PERIODS OF BIBLICAL HISTORY

- a. PATRIARCHAL AGE:  
From Adam to the giving of the Law of Moses. (1450 BC)
- b. MOSAIC AGE:  
From Moses on Mt. Sinai to the death of Jesus Christ. (33 AD)
- c. CHRISTIAN AGE:  
From Calvary until the second coming of Christ.

### CONCLUSION

Knowledge is said to be power. Ignorance is a deadly disease. You cannot be a good Christian without a good knowledge of the WORD of God. It is also very important to know more about the Bible just as we have studied. To enlighten your mind further, I encourage you to have a personal study of The WORD of God regularly, get good Christian books and desire to know more about God through your steadfast fellowship with the Brethren. God richly bless you, as you study and get deeper knowledge and understanding of His WORD. Amen!

### BIBLE READING PLAN

#### Scripture Reading For The Week

Days	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday	Deut. 21 – 24	Luke 3
Tuesday	Deut. 25 – 27	Luke 4
Wednesday	Deut. 28 – 31	Luke 5
Thursday	Deut. 32 – 34	Luke 6

Friday Josh. 1 – 5 Luke 7  
Saturday Josh. 6 – 11 Luke 8  
Sunday Josh. 12 – 15 Luke 9

## **LESSON EIGHT**

### **BAPTISM INTO WATER**

#### **Text: Romans 6:1-4**

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

As Christianity spread wide, certain teachings are being introduced which have no scriptural support.

One of such teachings is about WATER BAPTISM. Man over the years for human convenience, has adopted his own method of baptizing new converts with water. Instead of immersion into water, some pour, sprinkle or bath their converts with water. Some of such people feels that whatever the case, water is involve or being used. Whether water is used, involved or applied the right way must be followed.

In this lesson we want to see the scriptural way of water baptism on the

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#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

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#### **Romans 6:4**

#### **1. WHAT IS BAPTISM?**

Baptism is an act of putting a person (new convert) completely into water (burial) spiritually