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**Lesson #1 – ONE TRUTH**

# lesson #1

## **ONE TRUTH -**

Why the 66 Books of the Bible,  
Jesus & the Whole Point

# #1

God **spoke** the Bible, but He let men **pen** it because He wants to partner with man in this world.

- The Bible was **told BY GOD** to men to write down. It's **HIS exact WORDS**, but He directed man to write it down. Why? Because He is always about relationship and enjoys participating with **US** because that is what a loving Father does. Relationship vs. robots. (Revelation 3:20, Jeremiah 33:1-26, Isaiah 41:13)
- God tells us in Isaiah 46:17 - *“Everyone who is called by MY Name, whom I created for MY glory, whom I formed and made.”* God created us for HIS glory and delights in us.
- And then the God of the Universe created each of us with a specific purpose before we were born. (Ephesians 2:10) He wrote us HIS BOOK to tell us exactly how to live. That is what love does!!!

- You did not create the universe. Nor did a big bang or random combustion. God did. That means He is way smarter than you. He is perfect LOVE. The Bible shows this clearly when you read it straight through the first time. It is so brilliant, so beyond us, it truly takes your breath away. That is, if you have a HEART to hear truth.
- The Bible tells us in **Exodus 31:18** that God **spoke** to Moses on Mt. Sinai and gave him the two tablets of the covenant law, the tablets of stone ***inscribed by the finger of God***. God spoke all of the history from day one of creation to Moses and all of the rest of the words of **Genesis to Deuteronomy** and **Psalms 90** and the book of **Job**, and Moses wrote it down, word for word from the mouth of God.
- And just like He gave Moses these books to write down, God gave the other **39 authors** of the Bible the same.

For **by Him** all things  
were created,  
in heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions  
or rulers or authorities –  
**ALL THINGS**  
were created  
**through HIM and for HIM.**

**- Colossians 1:16**

For we are God's  
handiwork (masterpiece),  
**created in Christ Jesus**  
to do **good works**,  
which God prepared  
in advance  
for us to do.

**- Ephesians 2:10**

When the Lord finished  
speaking to Moses  
on Mount Sinai,  
He gave him  
**the two tablets  
of the Testimony,**  
the tablets of stone  
**inscribed by the finger of God.**

**- Exodus 31:18**

**ALL** Scripture  
is **GOD** breathed  
and profitable for teaching,  
reproof, for correction,  
and for training  
in righteousness,  
that the man of God may be  
**competent and equipped**  
**for every good work.**

**- 2 Timothy 3:16-17**



In the beginning  
was the **Word**,  
and the **Word** was with God,  
and the **Word** was God.

- John 1:1



These are the commands, decrees  
and laws the Lord your **God directed**  
**me** (Moses) to teach you to observe  
in the land that you are crossing  
the Jordan to possess,  
so that you, your children and their  
children after them may fear the Lord  
your God as long as you live by  
keeping all HIS decrees and  
commands that I give you  
so that you may enjoy long life.

**- Deuteronomy 6:1-2**

# #2

God wrote the Bible to **US** out of a deep love to tell us about **Himself** and all of **Human History**

- The Bible was written to **US** - every single one of us. It is not an outdated history book that is for another generation. It is HIS RELEVANT guidebook, love letter, that He expects us to read and know and obey and write on our minds and hearts TODAY! Why? Because it is our best life and gives us all of the answers to living in a fallen world where Satan and demons and humans have **FREEWILL**. The Creator wants the creation to KNOW HIM!
- It is a command to **write Scripture on your heart** and not only read it, but DO what it says! James 1:22 tells us - *“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the Word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in the mirror and after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.”*

- God chose the *written word* as His primary means to communicate with us. Men began writing down *words* on papyrus scrolls approx. 2000 BC. God knew it would be the form of communication that would not only last all of human history but would also be the best evidence to confirm in the physical what He had done and would do in the supernatural for all of human history.
- The 66 Books of the Bible are the only books that tell us about God in all of the world. No other religious books are true. All other so called “*religious*” books about God are false. None have ever been supported in history by eyewitness accounts, archeological digs and multiple scrolls found in many places that tell the same story like the Bible.
- The Holy Bible is a love letter that He knew our hearts would love to hold and pour over and meditate on. A tangible deposit of His presence and voice, like the sun and the ocean and the wind. There is nothing like it in the world. Please pick it up today! It’s Jesus in the flesh!

Therefore, everyone who  
hears these **Words of Mine**  
and puts them into practice  
is like a **wise man** who built  
his house on the rock.

The rain came down,  
the winds blew,  
yet it did not fall  
because it had its  
foundation on the rock.

**- Matthew 7:24-25**

Man does not  
live on bread alone,  
but on every **WORD**  
that proceeds out of  
the **mouth of God.**

**- Matthew 4:4**

Blessed is the man  
who reads aloud the  
**WORDS** of this prophecy,  
and blessed are those  
who hear it and  
**take to heart**  
what is written in it,  
because the time is near.

**- Revelation 1:3**

# #3

The **ONE TRUE Bible** of God is the Protestant Bible containing **66** individual but cohesive books

- The Bible is made up of **66** individual books, that were canonized (*to bind or put together in writing*) or made One Book.
- The word **Bible** is from Medieval Latin - *biblia*, from Greek - plural of *biblion* book, and from *Byblos* - an ancient Phoenician city from which papyrus - which is the paper used to write on back then - was exported.
- There are two parts of the Bible – called testaments. The **Old Testament (OT)** and the **New Testament (NT)**. Testament just means to *testify to truth and write it down for record keeping*. The **OT** is God's history and warnings to His beloved from creation in 4004 BC through approx. 400 BC so **BEFORE CHRIST**, and the **NT** written by Jesus' disciples and followers from approx. 50-95 AD **AFTER CHRIST** was born and walked the earth.



- The **OT** books are known as the *Jewish Scriptures* or the *Tanakh*, and the **NT** books were known as the *Writings of the Apostles and Early Church Elders*, before they were combined together in one book now known as *The Holy Bible*.
- Biblical numerology is a tool to know the will of God, not to be an idol. It points us to God and confirms that the Word can only be from Him because beyond man's comprehension to compile so brilliantly.
- The **66 books** were written over a span of 1500 years from approx. **1450 BC to 95 AD**, yet cover from day one of creation - **4004 BC** to the future when the New Heavens and New Earth come down in **3030 AD**.
- God decided the exact number of books, not man. Biblical numerology - *the study of number patterns in the Bible to determine what God is trying to tell us* - is so out of this world in the Bible it can only be written by God.

- The 66 books were written by approx. 40 authors, starting with God giving Moses the entire story from the beginning - the 7 days of creation of the entire universe and all living things, including Adam and Eve, the first man and first woman ever. And, no, we did not evolve from apes. Complete lie from the pit of hell.
- How brilliant is this? Only God could have done this!
  - $6 \times 11 = 66$  (no. of man x no. for chaos)
  - $3 \times 22 = 66$  (no. of holiness x wisdom/light)
  - $\underline{2 \times 33} = 66$  (relationship x Jesus)
- So even in the *number of books in the Bible*, God is telling us a powerful story - that it is His love letter written to His beloved *man* (6 is the no. of man because man was created on the 6<sup>th</sup> day) about how to live in a fallen *chaotic* (11) world because in order to have love you have to have choice. That He is a *holy* (3) God, perfect in every way with no evil in Him, and so He gave us *wisdom and light* (22) in every word of the Bible. He wants to have *relationship* with us (2 – relationship takes 2), and we get that through *Jesus* (33).

For whatever was **written**  
in former days was written for  
**OUR** instruction, that through  
endurance and through the  
encouragement of the  
**Scriptures** we might  
have **HOPE.**

**- Romans 15:4**

I warn everyone who hears  
the **WORDS** of the prophecy  
of this scroll:  
if anyone adds anything to them,  
God will add to that person  
the plagues described in this scroll.  
And if anyone takes words away  
from this scroll of prophecy,  
God will take away from  
that person any share in  
the tree of life and  
in the Holy City,  
which are described in this scroll.

**- Revelation 22:19**

# #4

## The Old Testament vs. The New Testament

- Again, there are two testaments, but **ONE continuous story** - the **OT** with **39** books and the **NT** with **27**, and **BOTH ARE STILL 100% relevant today. BOTH are JESUS!!!**
- The **Holy Spirit** is in **Genesis 1**. All **3** - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - were there in the beginning. It says in **Genesis 1:26** where God uses the plural - “*Let us make man in our own image*,” showing Trinity was always there.
- The **OLD** was completed and canonized by Ezra (the *Torah, which are the first 5 books written by Moses*) and the final prophetic and other books by others approx. 400 BC. So, the **OT** had been around for 100s of years and known by all in the 1<sup>st</sup> century when Jesus came on the scene.

- The **NEW** was canonized by approx. 400 AD by early Church Fathers. But let me make it very clear - man did NOT decide what books to include, God alone did!
- The exact same **OT** we have today is what Jesus had and what Jews and Catholics have always used. So, all 3 religions use the same **39 books** as in the Protestant Bible. And Protestants and Catholics have the same **27 books** of the **NT**.
- The differences between the Catholic Bible and the Protestant Bibles are - 1) Catholics add 7 books to the OT for a total of 73, known as the *Apocrypha* and which God clearly did not approve. 2) The Popes changed some Scriptures like the **Ten Commandments** to promote their false doctrines, such as idolatry and worship of false idols.

- And again, as only God can do, He is telling us clues and a story and the purpose of each testament by the number of books in each.

$$3 \times 13 = 39 \text{ (holiness x judgment)}$$

$$\frac{3 \times 9}{22} = 27 \text{ (holiness x completion)}$$

$$22 \text{ (wisdom and light)}$$

- Jesus quotes the OT constantly during His 3.5 years of ministry on earth, because it was the only Scriptures canonized at that time. Of course, the NT was not even written until after Jesus died.
- And I love that God used 8 writers of the NT to write down Jesus' EXACT words and actions and miracles. God loves to tell us specific, exact details! Look at Jesus' own words on the next pages – the OT still applies!

# 39 Books of the Old Testament

## 5 Books of Moses

aka *Torah* aka *Pentateuch*

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy

## 12 History Books - History of Israel

- |              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| 6. Joshua    | 12. 2 Kings      |
| 7. Judges    | 13. 1 Chronicles |
| 8. Ruth      | 14. 2 Chronicles |
| 9. 1 Samuel  | 15. Ezra         |
| 10. 2 Samuel | 16. Nehemiah     |
| 11. 1 Kings  | 17. Esther       |

## 5 Poetry / Worship / Wisdom Books

18. Job
19. Psalms
20. Proverbs
21. Ecclesiastes
22. Song of Songs

## 5 Major Prophets

23. Isaiah
24. Jeremiah
25. Lamentations
26. Ezekiel
27. Daniel

## 12 Minor Prophets

28. Hosea
29. Joel
30. Amos
31. Obadiah
32. Jonah
33. Micah
34. Nahum
35. Habakkuk
36. Zephaniah
37. Haggai
38. Zechariah
39. Malachi



There is NO WAY man ordered the Bible  
but only God could have done this!!!!

**5** in the Bible is **GRACE** -

why you have 5 fingers on each hand and 5  
toes on each foot to remind you of HIS GRACE  
constantly

**12** in the Bible is **PERFECT GOVERNMENT** -

why there were 12 Tribes of Israel and 12  
Disciples. And why most courts in America  
when it started had 12 Justices

And why we have 12 months in a year, because  
God governs us by the 4 seasons each with 3  
months.

# 27 Books of the Old Testament

## 5 History Books - of Jesus / Church

1. Matthew
2. Mark
3. Luke
4. John
5. Acts

## 14 Paul's Letters to the Churches / Saints

- |                  |                     |               |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 6. Romans        | 11. Philippians     | 16. 2 Timothy |
| 7. 1 Corinthians | 12. Colossians      | 17. Titus     |
| 8. 2 Corinthians | 13. 1 Thessalonians | 18. Philemon  |
| 9. Galatians     | 14. 2 Thessalonians | 19. Hebrews   |
| 10. Ephesians    | 15. 1 Timothy       |               |

## 7 Letters from Church Elders

- |             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| 20. James   | 24. 2 John |
| 21. 1 Peter | 25. 3 John |
| 22. 2 Peter | 26. Jude   |
| 23. 1 John  |            |

## 1 Prophecy

27. Revelation

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**14** in the Bible is ***SALVATION / DELIVERANCE*** -  
why there are 14 generations from Abraham to  
David, 14 from David to the exile to Babylon and  
14 from the exile to Christ. (Matthew 1)  
14 = 2 (relationship) x 7 (God's perfection)

**7** in the Bible is ***GOD'S PERFECTION*** -  
why there are 7 days of the week, 7 continents,  
7 colors in the rainbow, 7 Feasts of the Lord, etc.  
etc.

**1** in the Bible is ***GOD!*** Revelation is God's wrath  
finally poured out on the sinful earth that He  
has waited 6000 years to do!!!

## OT – Books and Chapters

BOOK NAME	CHAPTERS
Genesis	50
Exodus	40
Leviticus	27
Numbers	36
Deuteronomy	34
Joshua	24
Judges	21
Ruth	4
1 Samuel	31
2 Samuel	24
1 Kings	22
2 Kings	25
1 Chronicles	29
2 Chronicles	36
Ezra	10
Nehemiah	13
Esther	10
Job	42
Psalms	150
Proverbs	31
Ecclesiastes	12
Song of Solomon	8
Isaiah	66
Jeremiah	52
Lamentations	5
Ezekiel	48
Daniel	12
Hosea	14
Joel	3
Amos	9
Obadiah	1
Jonah	4
Micah	7
Nahum	3
Habakkuk	3
Zephaniah	3
Haggai	2
Zechariah	14
Malachi	4
<b>BOOKS: 39</b>	<b>929</b>

## NT – Books and Chapters

BOOK NAME	CHAPTERS
Matthew	28
Mark	16
Luke	24
John	21
Acts	28
Romans	16
1 Corinthians	16
2 Corinthians	13
Galatians	6
Ephesians	6
Philippians	4
Colossians	4
1 Thessalonians	5
2 Thessalonians	3
1 Timothy	6
2 Timothy	4
Titus	3
Philemon	1
Hebrews	13
James	5
1 Peter	5
2 Peter	3
1 John	5
2 John	1
3 John	1
Jude	1
Revelation	22
<b>BOOKS: 27</b>	<b>260</b>

Total Books in the Bible = **66**  
 Total Chapters in the Bible = **1189**

Until John the Baptist,  
the Law of Moses and the  
messages of the Prophets were  
your guides. But now the Good  
News of the Kingdom of God is  
preached, and everyone is eager  
to get in. But that does not mean  
that the law has lost its force.  
It is easier for heaven and earth  
to disappear than for the  
**smallest point of God's law**  
to be overturned.

**- Luke 16:16**

Jesus replied, “You must love  
the Lord your God with all  
your heart, with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.

This is the first and  
greatest commandment.

A second is equally important.  
Love your neighbor as yourself.  
The entire **Law** (Torah) and the  
**Prophets** (OT) are based on  
these two commandments.

**- Matthew 22:37-40**

Surely the Lord GOD  
does nothing  
without revealing  
**His plan** of the  
**judgment** to come  
to His servants  
the prophets.

- **Amos 3:7**

Then Jesus said -  
“When I was with you before,  
I told you that  
everything written about Me  
in the Law of Moses  
and the Prophets and  
in the Psalms **must be fulfilled.**”  
Then He opened their minds  
to understand  
the **Scriptures** (the OT).

- **Luke 24:44**



# #5

No other books in ALL of world history even come close to God's Word - it is the **ONLY TRUTH**

- When someone tells you the Bible is in error or manmade, laugh in their face and call them a fool. Okay, don't really do that - be kind and firm - but absolutely do tell them the following **TRUTH** from the following chart.
- That as a HISTORICAL document, there is not any other document or book of antiquity that even comes close to the BIBLE, based upon criteria that scholars use to determine if a document is valid and truthful and authentic.
- There are more than 24,000 partial and complete manuscript copies of the **NT**. Most of these were written down by eyewitness accounts and copied and shared with the Churches, very close to when the events happened. This is super important because **NO OTHER BOOK OF ANTIQUITY** can say this!

- What you are going to see on the next page is brilliant, life-giving work by Josh McDowell. He has done such extensive work on showing the *historicity of the Bible* and how no other books of antiquities even come close.
- Why is this so critical and earth shattering? It means that any so-called intellect who dispels the Bible would have to absolutely then say that Alexander the Great, Cleopatra, Pharaoh, Caesar, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, etc. are NOT TRUE and NEVER EXISTED, because there is so little support for all we think we know about them and, yet, we learn about them in history as if they are fact and supported.
- **IF YOU ACCEPT ANY OTHER HISTORY, YOU MUST ACCEPT THE BIBLE!**
- So, what the chart that follows is showing is that any other book or doc of antiquity has so little credibility compared to the Bible, because the TIME it was written down, to the TIME it actually happened, is 1000s of years apart! And it was not written down by eyewitness accounts. **BAM! Game over, case closed!**

## Let's look at what history and the world say about the **Top 3 Philosophers** of all time

Much of *Western Philosophy* finds its roots in the thoughts and teachings of **Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle**. You can't begin a study of world philosophy without talking about these guys: ancient Greek philosophers who lived approximately 400 BC.

**Socrates** (470 - 399 BC) was the Greek philosopher in ancient Athens who is credited as the founder of western philosophy and the first *moral* philosophers of the *ethical tradition of thought*. Convicted of corrupting the youth, his only real crime was challenging important people to think.

His punishment was death. His most famous quote: "*The unexamined life is not worth living.*"

Socrates didn't write books; he just liked to ask probing and sometimes humiliating questions, which gave rise to the famous *Socratic Method of Teaching*. This street-corner philosopher made a career of deflating pompous windbags.

An aristocratic man with plenty of money and a superb physique, **Plato** at one time won two prizes as a championship wrestler. Actually, the man's real (and little known) name was Aristocles; Plato was just a nickname given to him by his friends, whose original connotation made reference to his broad shoulders.

Plato became an enthusiastic and talented student of Socrates and wrote famous dialogues featuring his teacher verbally grappling with opponents. Our wrestler believed in the pre-existence and immortality of the soul, holding that life is nothing more than the imprisonment of the soul in a body.

In addition to the physical world, Plato taught that there is a heavenly realm of greater reality consisting in *forms, ideals, or ideas* (such as Equality, Justice, Humanity, and so on).

As his crowning achievement, he wrote a famous treatise (*The Republic*) on the ideal society, in which he expressed the thought that a philosopher, of all people, should be king (big surprise!).

**Aristotle** was Plato's best student. He went on to become the very well-paid tutor - probably the highest paid philosopher in history - of Alexander the Great.

Aristotle started his own philosophical school when he was 50 years old. Although he lived only ten more years, he produced nearly a thousand books and pamphlets, *only a few of which have survived.*

This great thinker was called a *peripatetic* philosopher because he liked to lecture to his students while taking a walk. Another group of philosophers were called *stoics* because they preferred sitting around on porches (*stoa*) when they shot the breeze.

A key theme in Aristotle's thought is that *happiness* is the goal of life. Aristotle was a good deal less other-worldly than Plato. He voluntarily went into exile from Athens when conditions became a bit politically dangerous for him, in his words, "lest Athens sin twice against philosophy."

The founder of *logical theory*, Aristotle believed that the greatest human endeavor is the use of *reason* in theoretical activity. One of his best known ideas was *The Golden Mean* - because he believed best to "avoid extremes."

Now let's look  
at how unreliable  
and absolutely false  
this history could be,  
made up stories  
by anyone  
in comparison  
to the  
**BIBLE!**

**Evidence that is so Evident that it DEMANDS  
a Verdict for JESUS, who is the LIVING WORD!!!**

Author	Book	Date Written	Earliest Copies	Time Gap	# of Copies
Homer	<i>Iliad</i>	800 B.C.	c. 400 B.C.	c. 400 yrs.	643
Herodotus	<i>History</i>	480-425 B.C.	c. A.D. 900	c. 1,350 yrs.	8
Thucydides	<i>History</i>	460-400 B.C.	c. A.D. 900	c. 1,300 yrs.	8
Plato		400 B.C.	c. A.D. 900	c. 1,300 yrs.	7
Demosthenes		300 B.C.	c. A.D. 1100	c. 1,400 yrs.	200
Caesar	<i>Gallic Wars</i>	100-44 B.C.	c. A.D. 900	c. 1,000 yrs.	10
Tacitus	<i>Annals</i>	A.D. 100	c. A.D. 1100	c. 1,000 yrs.	20
Pliny Secundus	<i>Natural History</i>	A.D. 61-113	c. A.D. 850	c. 750 yrs.	7
New Testament		A.D. 50-100	c. A.D. 114 (portions)	c. +50 yrs.	5366
			c. A.D. 200 (books)	c. 100 yrs.	
			c. A.D. 325 (complete N.T.)	c. 225 yrs.	

\*McDowell, Josh. *The New Evidence that Demands a Verdict*  
(Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1999), p. 55.

For the **Word of God**  
is alive and active.

Sharper than any  
double-edged sword,  
it penetrates even  
to dividing soul and spirit,  
joints and marrow;

**it judges the thoughts  
and attitudes of the heart.**

Nothing in all creation is hidden  
from God's sight.

Everything is uncovered and laid bare  
Before the eyes of Him to whom  
we must give an account.

**- Hebrews 4:12-13**



But as for you, continue in  
what you have learned  
and have become convinced of,  
because you know those from  
whom you learned it,  
and how from infancy  
you have known  
the **Holy Scriptures**,  
which are able to make  
you **wise for salvation**  
through **faith in Christ Jesus**.

**- Romans 15:4**

I have hidden  
**Your Word**  
in my heart  
that I might not sin  
against You.  
Praise be to You, Lord;  
teach me Your decrees.  
With my lips  
I recount all the laws  
that come from Your mouth.

**- Psalm 119:9-16**

# #6

God **spoke** the world into existence.  
So His love language is ***speaking***  
and having US ***write it down.***

- Spoiler alert - the world isn't billions of years old - don't even insult God by believing atheist scientists instead of God's Word. **HE SPOKE** and it was created! End of story. He did NOT need time. He is beyond time.
- This is so important to understand the **TIMELINE of HUMAN History** - we only have **7000** years to believe before Paradise is FOUND and hell is forever. But more on this in Lesson #2.
- The Big Bang theory is a total Satanic lie! Totally made up during the *Enlightenment* period during the mid 1800s when people were sick of the oppression and tyranny of the Roman Catholic Church and wanted to free people from false "religion" and to focus on science. It was intentional. When Darwin wrote his made up theses, it was accepted by the masses because they hated the false apostate church!

**By the WORD**  
of the Lord  
were the heavens made,  
their starry host  
**by the breath**  
**of His mouth.**

**- Psalm 33:6**

For He **spoke**,  
and it came to be;  
He **commanded**,  
and it stood firm.

- **Psalm 33:9**

Who is this that obscures  
My plans with words  
without knowledge?  
Brace yourself like a man;  
I will question you,  
and you shall answer Me.  
Where were you when  
I laid the earth's foundation?  
Tell Me, if you understand.  
Who marked off its dimensions?  
Surely you know!

- **Job 38:4** (God to Job)

My own hand laid  
the foundations of the earth,  
and My right hand  
spread out the heavens;  
when I **summon** them,  
they all stand up together.

- **Isaiah 48:13**

# #7

In order to have **LOVE**, you must have **FREEWILL**. God couldn't create us without it since He is only love. But this meant **SIN** entered.

- God created the entire world and us in **6 Days – literal days**. And **HE rested on the 7<sup>th</sup>**. When He finished, He blessed it and said it was very very good. Perfection. You will learn more about this in Lesson #2.
- He made Adam and Eve on the **6<sup>th</sup>** day and put them in paradise in a Garden where HE walked with them. But in order to have love, you have to have choice. God needed to know Adam and Eve weren't forced to love Him back. So, He gave them **ONE choice** - not to eat a certain fruit.
- So why did Eve eat the fruit? Because she was deceived by Satan? Not at all. Yes tempted, but even God doesn't allow her to blame the enemy. She ate it because she wanted it and didn't listen to God. Simple as that. She suffered the consequence and judgement that sin **MUST** bring. And we have done the same. You cannot have love without punishing sin.
- Before God even created all that we know, HE **KNEW** that she and us would sin. **JESUS** was the solution **BEFORE** we fell.



Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God DID SAY, ‘You must not eat from the fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” “You will certainly not die,” the serpent answered. For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil. When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was **1) good for food** and **2) pleasing to the eye**, and also desirable for **3) gaining wisdom**, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

- **Genesis 3**

same way we  
sin today!!!

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time, Cain brought **some** of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. And Abel also brought an offering - fat portions from some of **the firstborn** of his flock (*aka the very first and best*). The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering HE did not look with favor. So, Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?

**But if you do not do what is right,  
sin is crouching at your door;  
it desires to have you,  
but you must rule over it."**

**- Genesis 4:5-8**

Later, Jesus saw the man  
He had healed  
at the Temple  
and said to him -  
“See, you are well again.  
Stop **sinning** or something  
worse may happen to you.”

**- John 5:14**

The LORD  
has made everything  
for its purpose,  
**even the wicked**  
for the day of trouble.

**- Proverbs 16:4**

# #8

Sin entered with **CHOICE**, but God made **ONE** way to get back to Him, even before this happened. His **NAME** is **JESUS**.

- Again, God says He created us because He delights in us. So, He knew we would be evil, but loved us anyway. The Word says we were created to love Him, love others and live fulfilling the purpose we were created to do, which results in good works. *However, good works are not needed for salvation, but just proof it was a true conversion.* Righteous living is our best life and leads to deep satisfaction in our souls. Jesus says it's by our **"fruit"** they will know we are Christians. (Matthew 7:15-17)
- His Word also says that only **blood can atone (satisfy) sin**. Jesus died so every time we sinned we wouldn't have to sacrifice an animal. The apostle Peter declared that *"Christ died for sins, once for all" (1 Peter 3:18).* The apostle Paul observed that *"Christ died for our sins, according to Scriptures."* (1 Corinthians 15:3)
- We all have sinned (Romans 3:23) and the consequence is death (Romans 6:23).

- A loving Father makes it so easy to be made “holy” again to live back in the Garden (heaven for eternity).
- There are NOT many ways to get back to God in heaven for eternity. No. That does not even make sense. God is not a God of confusion but of **order** and **grace**, which is a free gift. He absolutely does not confuse us with many options, but gives us **ONE option** so none will miss it, IF their heart is open to the TRUTH.
- Jesus is either LORD and GOD or a liar or lunatic, simple logic made famous by C.S. Lewis. Either His words are true and He is who is says He was and is, or he was a pathological liar or a lunatic. But we know this cannot be true, because the disciples and masses and Centurion, etc. would not have believed Him and given their lives for a lie. Nor can anyone dispute that He satisfies ALL of the prophecies about the Messiah in the Old Testament.
- **Jesus Himself tells us HE IS THE ONLY WAY BACK TO THE FATHER AND PARADISE.**

- In addition, to be saved for eternity, we DO NOT need to be baptized and we DO NOT need to have good works and there are no levels of SIN - mortal vs venial - that the false Roman Catholic Church teaches. Sin is sin and all separate us from the Father. And all were forgiven by Jesus on the cross, IF we confess them and repent of them and ask HIM to forgive us.
- Baptism, good works and confession to one another are all just outward signs of the faith and repentance we had with Jesus Himself. You must understand this. The thief on the cross proves this - if good for one, good for all. He believed and was in paradise with Jesus that day. FACT.
- The Scriptures throughout make crystal clear – it is NOT by works or baptism, but by confessing with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and believing in our heart that God raised Him from the dead that we WILL BE SAVED!  
Hallelujah for the free gift waiting for us to receive and accept!!

In fact, the Law requires  
that nearly everything  
be cleansed with blood,  
and **without the  
shedding of blood  
there is no  
forgiveness of sin.**

**- Hebrews 9:22**



For I delivered to you  
as of **first importance**  
what I also received:  
that Christ died  
**for our sins**  
in accordance with  
the **Scriptures**.

- 1 Corinthians 15:3

He Himself bore our sins  
in His body on the cross,  
that **we might die to sin**  
and live to righteousness.

By HIS wounds  
**you have been healed.**

**- 1 Peter 2:24**

For Christ suffered once  
for sins, the righteous for  
the unrighteous, that  
**He might bring us to God,**  
being put to death  
in the flesh  
but made alive in the Spirit.

**- 1 Peter 3:18**

If you **confess with your mouth**  
that Jesus is Lord  
and **believe in your heart**  
that God raised Him  
from the dead,  
you will be saved.

**- Romans 10:9**

For by grace  
you have been saved  
through faith.

And this is NOT your own doing,  
it is the gift of God,  
not a result of works,  
so that no one may boast.

**- Ephesians 2:8-9**

I and the Father  
are ONE.

**- John 10:30**

Jesus said to him,  
“I am the way,  
and the truth  
and the life.  
**NO ONE** comes  
to the Father  
**except through Me.”**

**- John 14:6**

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other Name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

**- Acts 4:12**



For there is ONE God,  
and there is **ONE mediator**  
between God and men,  
the man Christ Jesus.

**- 1 Timothy 2:5**

One of the criminals who were hanging on a cross next to Him mocked him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? We deserve it, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise."

**- Luke 23:39-43**

# #9

Let's understand **JESUS' FIRST WORDS**. The God of the Universe comes down as man and says this!

*"Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness."* - **Matthew 3:15**

*"It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*  
- **Matthew 4:4, quoting Deuteronomy 8:3**

*"It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"* - **Matthew 4:7**

*Jesus said to him, "Away from Me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'"* - **Matthew 4:11**

*"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."*  
- **Matthew 4:17**

*"Come, follow Me, and I will send you out to fish for men."* - **Matthew 4:19**

- Ponder Jesus first Words in **Matthew 4**. They are mind blowing, absolutely profound and very telling.
- He doesn't come on the scene and tell us He loves us and He is sorry we have it hard, and He is here to baby us and enable us and make it all about us! NO!!!
- He comes on the scene and **QUOTES SCRIPTURE** when HE answers Satan, modeling for us exactly how to do it.
- And then right away HE tells us the whole point of this **test on earth for 7000 years** before we are back in Paradise with no sin or pain forever and ever.
- Truly meditate on HIS FIRST WORDS and what they are screaming to us – **1) RIGHTEOUSNESS, 2) FOOD IS EVERY WORD OF GOD NOT BREAD, 3) DON'T PUT GOD TO THE TEST, 4) SERVE HIM ONLY, 5) REPENT, 6) FISH FOR MEN!**

“Man does not live  
on bread alone  
but ***on every word***  
that proceeds out of  
***the mouth of God.***”

- Matthew 4:4

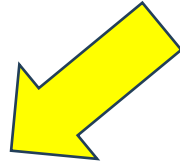


aka the 66 Books of the Bible

# #10

Let's understand **JESUS' LAST WORDS**. The God of the Universe finishes speaking with these truths!

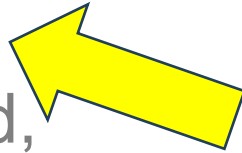
- *I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty. - Revelation 1:8*
- *Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with Me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. - Revelation 22:12-16, 20*
- “I am coming soon” **does NOT mean “at any time.”** The ***Doctrine of Imminence*** is absolutely NOT true. But more on that in Lesson #5 about the Feasts.



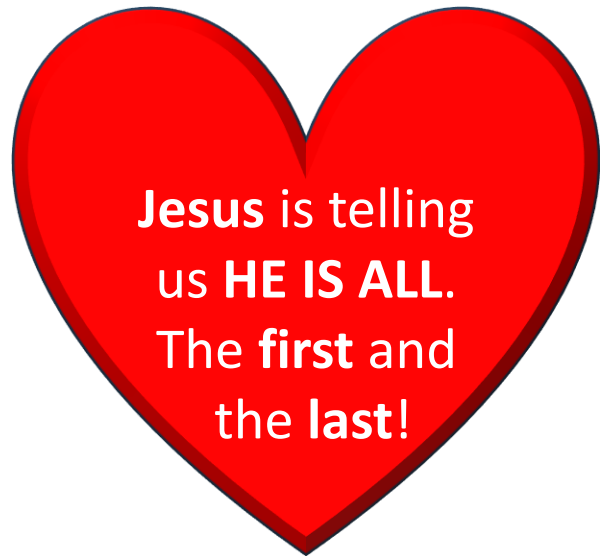
**Alpha** is the **1<sup>st</sup>** letter of the Greek alphabet - the world language in Jesus' day and what the **NT** is written in.

“I am the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, says the Lord God, who *is*, and who *was*, and who *is to come*, the Almighty.”

- **Revelation 1:8**



**Omega** is the **24<sup>th</sup>** letter of the Greek and the last!



Jesus is telling  
us **HE IS ALL**.  
The **first** and  
the **last**!

Yes, I am  
coming soon.

**- Revelation 22:20**

Jesus said  
this almost 2000  
years ago!  
“*Soon*” does NOT  
mean “*any time*”!  
We KNOW what has  
to happen before He  
comes back! More on  
this in a later lesson.  
But go read **Romans**  
**11** to see what has to  
happen before!



**conclusion**

The end of the matter;  
all has been heard.  
**Fear God and keep  
HIS commandments,**  
for this is the  
whole duty of man.

**- Ecclesiastes 12:13**



Question to ponder  
to get your ❤️  
back to your **FIRST LOVE** -

How much time daily do you spend  
working for, preparing for, thinking  
about, eating temporal FOOD that  
is probably a crutch or an idol?  
And how much time do you spend  
daily in **God's Word**, which Jesus  
tells us is more important than  
physical food and the key to life?

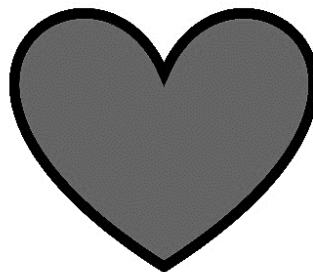
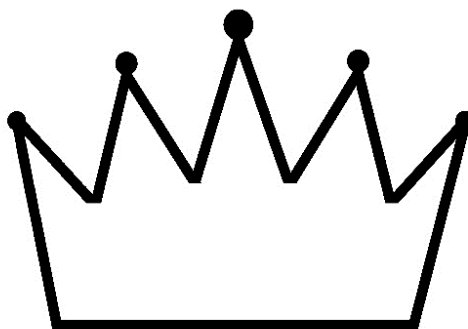
## Summary of Lesson #1 –

**Truth is only  
found in the Bible**  
with all 66 books  
being Jesus in the flesh.  
Without the WORD,  
who is Jesus, you cannot know God.  
And without Jesus  
you will be in hell for eternity.  
Perfect love has to have choice -  
to choose God or  
to not choose Him.  
Choose wisely.

**Memory Verse**

If you hold to  
**My teaching**,  
you are really  
**My disciples**.  
Then you will  
**KNOW the truth**,  
and the truth  
will set you **FREE**.

**- John 8:32**



surrendering our hearts  
to HIM & getting back

to our **FIRST LOVE**  
is the whole point

If we love you and have a huge heart for you,  
I cannot even imagine **HIS Love for You!**  
Remember that as you fight the good fight this week!  
And be sure to send us any prayer requests or praises  
in the Comment Sections of each Lesson!  
We are a Community of Believers  
who want to encourage and sharpen  
one another with **HIS WORD** as HE asks!

**Next: Lesson #2**