

The **Bible** is the inspired Word of God, a collection of sacred books that reveal His plan for humanity. The name *Bible* comes from the Greek word *Biblia*, meaning “books.” A single book is called *Biblion*, but when referring to multiple books, the term *Biblia* is used.

It is not just an ordinary book—it is the divine revelation of God’s will, character, and redemptive plan for mankind. **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)** affirms this:

“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 complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

#### Who Wrote the Bible?

The Bible was written over a span of approximately **1,500 years** by more than **40 authors** from different backgrounds, including kings (David, Solomon), prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah), doctors (Luke), fishermen (Peter, John), and tax collectors (Matthew). Despite their differences in time, culture, and profession, their writings carry a unified message—**God’s love and plan for salvation**.

Though human hands penned the words, the **Holy Spirit inspired them**, ensuring that every message was according to God's will (2 Peter 1:20-21, NKJV).

#### The Structure of the Bible

The Bible is divided into **two main parts**:

1. **The Old Testament (39 books)** – Also known as the First Covenant, it details creation, the history of Israel, God's laws, and prophecies about the coming Messiah. It includes:
  - **The Law (Torah/Pentateuch)** – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
  - **Historical Books** – Joshua, Judges, Ruth, etc.
  - **Wisdom Literature** – Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes

- **Prophetic Books** – Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, etc.

2. **The New Testament (27 books)** – Also called the Second Covenant, it fulfills the Old Testament prophecies and focuses on the life, death, and resurrection of **Jesus Christ**, as well as the birth of the Church. It includes:

- **The Gospels** – Matthew, Mark, Luke, John (life and teachings of Jesus)
- **Acts** – The history of the early Church
- **Epistles (Letters)** – Written by Paul, Peter, John, James, and Jude
- **Revelation** – A prophetic book about Christ's second coming

**The Central Message of the Bible**

At the heart of the entire Bible is **one person—Jesus Christ**. In **John 5:39 (NKJV)**, Jesus Himself said:

*“You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.”*

From Genesis to Revelation, every book either foreshadows, proclaims, or explains the work of Christ. In the Old Testament, He is prophesied as the coming Savior. In the New Testament, He is revealed as the Son of God who fulfilled these prophecies.

**Why is the Bible Important?**

1. **It is God’s direct revelation to humanity** – Unlike any other book, the Bible is the primary way God speaks to His people today.
2. **It is a guide for life** – Psalm 119:105 (NKJV) says, *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”*
3. **It contains the only way to salvation** – Jesus said in **John 14:6 (NKJV)**, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the*

*Father except through Me.”*

4. **It is spiritually alive and powerful** - Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) states, *“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword.”*
5. **It prepares believers for eternity** - The Bible not only teaches us how to live but also reveals God’s eternal plan for His people.

#### Conclusion

The Bible is more than a religious book—it is the living Word of God. It reveals His will, teaches His truth, and leads people to eternal life through Jesus Christ. **No other book in history has changed lives, shaped nations, and stood the test of time like the Bible.**

To understand God and His plan, one must study His Word, believe in Jesus Christ, and follow His teachings.

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