

The Bible We Have Today

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

“Thy word is **a lamp** unto my feet, and **a light** unto my path.” - Psalm 119:105 KJV

BIBLE PLEDGE

“I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God’s Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Its words I will hide in my heart that I may not sin against God.”

THE BIBLE IS UNIQUE

For the word of God is **living 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. - Hebrews 4:12 NIV

“I delight in your decrees; I will not **neglect your word**.” - Psalm 119:16 NIV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. - John 1:1-2,14 NIV

“**I have come** that they may **have life**, and have it **to the full**.” - John 10:10 NIV

A TIMELINE

1. The Old Testament

A. 1400-1500 BC: _____.

B. 500 BC: _____.

2. The New Testament

A. 1st Century AD: _____.

B. AD 393: _____.

C. AD 500: _____.

3. Significant Events

A. AD 600: _____.

B. AD 400-1400: _____.

C. AD 1380: _____.

D. AD 1415: _____.

E. AD 1517: _____.

F. AD 1526: _____.

G. AD 1539: _____.

- DO NOT _____ GOD’S WORD!

DISCUSSION GUIDE

This week's message explained how the Bible came about and the high price that many people have paid for us to have it in our hands today.

- Before hearing this message, what did you know about the history of the Bible as a book?
- Why do you think it's crucial that we understand the history of the Bible?
- Describe a time when God spoke directly to you through the Bible.
- We looked at Psalm 119:16, which says: "I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word." What can cause you to neglect God's word?
- What will you do to ensure that God's Word leads you daily?
- What did God speak to you during this message? Discuss it.
- How can you begin to pray this week about not neglecting God's Word?

(If you don't know how to study God's Word, we'll examine this subject in more detail in two weeks. You might consider starting a Daily Bible Reading Plan on the Oasis App. Or you might start by reading the New Testament book of Acts, which tells about the beginning of what we call "the church" today.)