

# THE NEW TESTAMENT

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### A. *The Gospels*

- The Gospels tell us the story of Jesus.

#### 1. **Matthew — Jesus is the Messiah**

**Matthew 1:1** This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

#### 2. **Mark — Jesus is God's Servant**

**Mark 1:1** The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,

**Mark 10:45** For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

#### 3. **Luke — Jesus is the Son of Man**

**Luke 1:1-4** Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

#### 4. **John — Jesus is the Son of God**

**John 1:1-5** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

### B. *Acts — New Testament History*

**Acts 1:1-2** In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

1. **Acts is the story of how the Holy Spirit worked through the early church to change the world.**

2. **A book is not the Word of God because it is accepted by the people of God. Rather, it is accepted by the people of God because it is the Word of God.**

### *C. The Letters of Paul (Pauline Epistles)*

**Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

#### **1. The Romans Road**

**Romans 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 10:9-10** If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

#### **2. Paul’s Prison Epistles are Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon.**

**Ephesians 2:8-10** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**Philippians 4:13** I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

#### **3. Paul’s Pastoral Epistles are 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus.**

**2 Timothy 1:6-7** For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

- The Epistles of Paul teach us how our beliefs impact our behavior.

#### **4. Bible Translations**

- Some Bible versions are a Word for Word translation (literal translation), like the NASB or ESV.
- Some Bible versions are a Thought for Thought translation (dynamic equivalence), like the NIV or NLT.
- Some Bible versions are a Paraphrase, like The Message or the Amplified Bible.

## *D. The General Epistles*

**James 2:26** As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

**1 Peter 2:9-10** But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

- The General Epistles give guidance for how to live like a Christian.

## *E. The Revelation of Jesus Christ — New Testament Prophecy*

**Revelation 1:1-2** The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

**Revelation 22:18-19** 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 22:20** He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- Revelation was written to remind the church in a time of trial that Jesus is coming again.

**John 1:14** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**John 20:30-31** Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**1 John 1:1-4** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.