

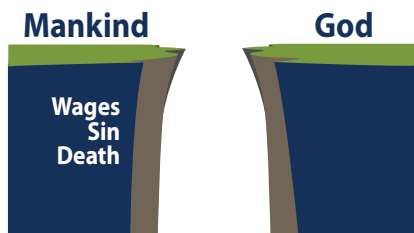
THE BIBLE

IS DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER BOOK THAT HAS EVER BEEN WRITTEN.

It is God's Word to us about who He is and who we are. The Bible is a collection of 66 different books that were written over the span of 1600 years, by over 40 authors, in 3 different languages, across 3 continents. Yet it contains 1 cohesive message of the creation, fall, and rescue of humanity through the person of Jesus. Romans 6:23 summarizes this message:

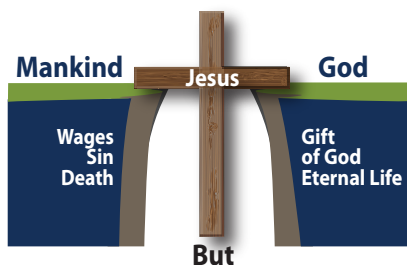
FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE FREE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

The first part is bad news. What we earn (wages) for the bad things we have done (sin), is separation from God (death). No matter how hard we try, there is nothing we can do to bridge the gap on our own.



People have tried to bridge this gap with religion, which is just advice on what you and I must do to work our way to God. But through the Bible, God has revealed "the gospel" which means "good news." The second part of Romans 6:23 tells us "...the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The gospel isn't advice of what you and I must do, it is news of what God has already done. Salvation is offered to us as a gift. When you and I couldn't work our way to God, God in love, grace, and mercy, worked His way to us in and through the person of Jesus.



Jesus paid the debt of our sin when He gave His life on the cross. Three days later He conquered death by His resurrection, which means He holds the keys to life. He offers this life freely to you and me. This is not something that we can achieve; it is a gift that we believe and receive. Will you say "yes"?

SAYING YES TO JESUS

Jesus invites us to talk with Him through prayer. You can use your own words or the following prayer:

"Jesus, I know that I haven't been perfect and that my sin separates me from You. I believe that You paid the penalty for my sin when You gave Your life on the cross and rose from the dead. Thank you. I trust in You alone to rescue me. Today I am saying 'Yes' to trusting and following You as the Lord and leader of my life. Help me to follow You. Amen."

**SAYING "YES"
TO JESUS IS
A PERSONAL
DECISION,
BUT IT'S NOT
MEANT TO BE
PRIVATE.**

Romans 10:9 says, "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." If you are saying "Yes" to Jesus, let us know by emailing us at yes@sunvalleycc.com. We would love to help you along your journey in any way that we can. Jesus also invites those who have said, "Yes" to following Him to share it through baptism.

For more information on baptism or to sign up to be baptized, visit baptism.sv.cc





31 DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

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<input type="checkbox"/> Day 2	Luke 2	The story of Jesus' birth
<input type="checkbox"/> Day 3	Mark 1	The beginning of Jesus' ministry
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<input type="checkbox"/> Day 19	Romans 5	Peace with God
<input type="checkbox"/> Day 20	Romans 7	Struggles with sin
<input type="checkbox"/> Day 21	Romans 8	Life in the Spirit
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<input type="checkbox"/> Day 23	Ephesians 2	Our life in Christ
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<input type="checkbox"/> Day 25	Ephesians 5	Living in Christ
<input type="checkbox"/> Day 26	Philippians 2	Being Christ-like
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<input type="checkbox"/> Day 31	2 Timothy 2	Being strong in Christ

CONNECT WITH GOD'S WORD DURING THE
WEEK THROUGH 10-MINUTE DEVOTIONALS
ON THE SUN VALLEY APP.



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THE SUN VALLEY APP TODAY!**



INFORMATION + APPLICATION + RELATIONSHIPS = TRANSFORMATION

The Bible holds all the information you need to grow in your relationship with Jesus. But it takes more than just the right information for the Spirit of God to transform us. James 1:22 says, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." One of the keys to growing in your relationship with Jesus is application. Not just reading the information, but actually doing what it says. Wisdom is knowing the right thing to do and having the courage to do it.

As you read the Bible, there are a few questions that will help you move from information to application.

Observe – What does it say? What things stand out to you as you read this passage?

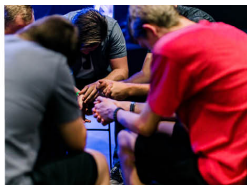
Understand – What does it mean? What is the truth that I discern in this passage?

Apply – What am I supposed to do? How can I apply what I just learned today?

ANOTHER KEY TO TRANSFORMATION IS RELATIONSHIPS.

God gave us the Church ("the Church" is others who follow Jesus) to learn, encourage, help, and pray for each other. One way you can build relationships in the church is through small groups. Small groups are authentic friendships centered on God's Word.

To join a small group at Sun Valley, you can
visit groups.sv.cc



SvGroups

AUTHENTICITY. COMMUNITY. GENEROSITY.





OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE

The Bible is broken down into two sections: The Old Testament and the New Testament. The word “testament” means “covenant (or contract).” The Old Testament (Genesis – Malachi) predates the birth of Jesus and covers God’s covenant of laws with the people of Israel and the promise of a coming Savior. In Hebrew the word for this Savior is “Messiah,” and in Greek, the word is “Christ.” The New Testament (Matthew – Revelation) begins with the birth of Jesus and covers the covenant of God’s grace for all the world through the promised Savior, Jesus.

The Old Testament is made up of 39 books (ancient scrolls), and the New Testament is made up of 27 books (see the detailed breakdown of all 66 books below). Each book is broken into sections called “chapters,” and each chapter is broken into one or two sentences called “verses” for ease of navigating the Bible. Specific Bible references start with the name of the book followed by the chapter, a colon, and then the verse or range of verses. **For example:**

John 3 : 16-17
Book Chapter Verse(s)



THE BIG PICTURE

The Bible is different than any other book that has ever been written. It is a collection of 66 different books, written over 1600 years, by over 40 different authors, in 3 different languages, across 3 continents. Yet the Bible is one continual story of the creation, fall, and redemption of mankind, and the common thread all the way through is the person of Jesus.

The Two Testaments



The Old Testament (39 Books)
Message: The Savior is coming!



Jesus is the dividing line
between the two.

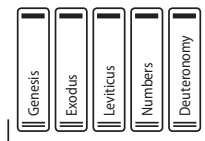
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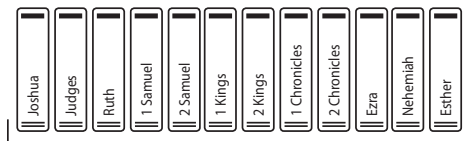
THE STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

OLD TESTAMENT



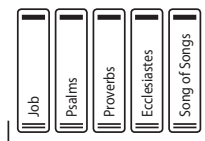
The Books of the Law

Covers the creation, fall, and the establishment of God's people.



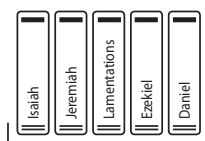
The History of Israel

Tells the story of ancient Israel.



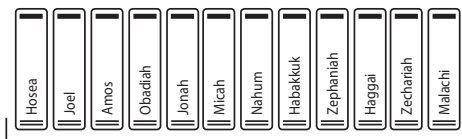
Poetry and Wisdom

Personal experiences and wisdom of God's people.



The Major Prophets

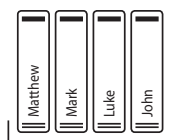
God called back his people through Prophets.



The Minor Prophets

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NEW TESTAMENT



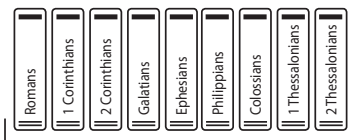
The Gospels

"The Good News" of Jesus - his life, death, and resurrection.



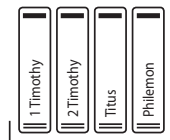
History of the first followers of Jesus

How the church began and grew.



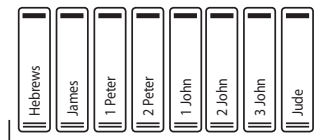
Paul's Letters to the churches

Apostle Paul's letters to specific churches.



Personal Letters

Apostle Paul's letters to individual church Leaders.



General Letters



Prophecy

The story isn't over. Jesus will return and put a permanent end to sin, sorrow, and death.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

A search tool for finding specific words or topics in the Bible can be found at www.biblegateway.com.

For a database of commonly asked questions about Jesus and the Bible visit www.gotquestions.org.

