

## Lesson 4: God's Eternal Word (Part 1)

A sword was to be used skillfully in battle. Knowing how to use a sword made the difference between life and death for millions of soldiers. God has given you a weapon for your spiritual battle. *Eph. 6:17 says, "take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."* Knowing how to use the Word of God will make the difference between spiritual life and death. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to accomplish the work of God.

The Bible is the most remarkable book ever written. About 40 men of many occupations wrote the books of the Bible over a period of about 1,500 years. Yet the Bible has one great theme and central figure-Jesus Christ. Likewise the Bible had only one author-the Holy Spirit.

How can the Bible be God's if it was written by over 40 men?

### THE BIBLE AT A GLANCE (66 BOOKS)

Old Testament (39 Books)			New Testament (27 books)		
HISTORY	POETRY	PROPHECY	HISTORY	TEACHING	PROPHECY
17 Books	5 Books	17 Books	5 Books	21 Books	1 Book
<b>Law</b>	Job	<b>Major Pro.</b>	<b>Gospels</b>	<b>Paul's Lett.</b>	Revelation
Genesis	Psalms	Isaiah	Matthew	Romans	
Exodus	Proverbs	Jeremiah	Mark	1 & 2 Cor.	
Leviticus	Ecclesiast.	Lamenta.	Luke	Galatians	
Numbers	Song of	Ezekiel	John	Ephesians	
Deuter.	Solomon	Daniel		Philippians	
<b>History &amp; Government</b>		<b>Minor Prophets</b>	<b>The Early Church</b>	Colossians	
Joshua		Hosea	Acts	1 & 2 Thess.	
Judges		Joel		1 & 2 Tim.	
Ruth		Amos		Titus	
1 & 2 Sam.		Obediah		Philemon	
1 & 2 Kings		Jonah		<b>General Letters</b>	
1 & 2 Chron.		Micah		Hebrews	
Ezra		Nahum		James	
Nehemiah		Habakkuk		1 & 2 Peter	
Esther		Zephaniah		1,2,3 John	
		Haggai		Jude	
		Zechariah			
		Malichi			

About  
400 years  
between  
Testaments

The Old Testament looks forward to Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross

The New Testament is based on the work Christ finished on the Cross

God used forty different men over a period of 1,500 years (about 1,400 B.C. to A.D. 90) in writing the Bible.

*John 8:31-32*

What makes someone a disciple of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

What are some things from which God's Word sets us free? \_\_\_\_\_

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In our spiritual lives we are either into God's Word or out of His Word. If we are into God's Word, our faith is \_\_\_\_\_. If we are out of God's Word, our faith is \_\_\_\_\_.

*1 Peter 2:2*

As Christians, how should we always be? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the result of being into God's Word? \_\_\_\_\_

The Bible contains many examples of what the Word of God is like and how it works in our lives. The rest of this lesson is a summary of some of these examples.

*Matthew 7:24-27*

How can you build your life on the rock? \_\_\_\_\_

What happens when you build your life on the rock? \_\_\_\_\_

What happens when you don't put God's Word into practice? \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 4:4*

How does Jesus want Christians to live their lives? \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you need to eat food? \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you need the Word of God? \_\_\_\_\_

*Jeremiah 23:24*

What is God's Word described like here? \_\_\_\_\_

How does God's Word function like: A Hammer? \_\_\_\_\_

A fire? \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalm 119:105*

How does God's Word function in our lives? \_\_\_\_\_

What are some areas of our life in which God's Word guides? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Psalm 1:1-3*

What are Christians like who are into God's powerful Word? (v.3)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Why is it good for a tree to be by a stream? \_\_\_\_\_

What does the Word of God help us to avoid? (v. 1) \_\_\_\_\_

*Colossians 3:16*

What does Christ want us to do with His Word? \_\_\_\_\_

What are some things that happen when the Word of Christ lives in our hearts? \_\_\_\_\_

What are some steps that you can take to let the Word of Christ live richly in your heart?

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### HOMEWORK:

1. Keep working on the habit of setting aside your quiet time. Work to get away and alone to spend some precious time with your Lord.
2. Pray every day this week that you can find more ways to let the Word of Christ live in your heart.
3. Write a prayer, asking God to increase your dedication and growth in His Word. Thank God for many of the blessings that are yours through His Word (be specific):