

# BREAKTHROUGH INSTITUTE

*Real Faith for Real Life*

Christian Basics 103

## How To Study The Bible -part one

**Introduction:** In this lesson you will learn the basics of what the Bible is and how to begin reading through the Bible so you can understand it. Reading the Bible on a regular basis is one of the basic foundations of a Christians life. It can be one of the most rewarding and fulfilling parts of your life of faith.

### I. What is the Bible -

- A. it is the Christian's Handbook - from God
- B. it is God speaking to you
- C. it is the Holy Scriptures - 2Timothy 3:16
- D. it is the Word of God
- E. The word Bible comes from Latin word Biblios - which means "the Book"

### II. Make Up of the Bible

- A. The Bible is made up of 66 different books written by 40+ writers over more than 1500 years, in 3 different languages yet, it fits together into one cohesive story with a central character, and a consistent theme.
- B. It has 2 divisions Old Testament and New Testament  
With 39 books in the old testament and 27 in the New testament
- C. There are 2 main themes of the Bible
  - 1. God revealing Himself to us - who God is, His character and His nature
  - 2. Reveals God's plan of redemption of man through Jesus Christ.

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III. The proper approach toward the Bible

- A. Don't read the Bible like any other book, novel, manual, biography, or history book, etc. in the sense that it only contains information.
- B. The Bible is God's Word and it is alive and powerful. Hebrews 4:12
- C. Jesus tells us the Word is like a seed. Mark 4:3-20
  - 1. The Word is to be planted into a person's heart (the soil)  
You plant the Word in your heart by reading and hearing it.
  - 2. The condition of the heart (soil) determines the harvest of the Word in a person's life either 30 - 60 or 100 fold.
  - 3. The harvest of the seed of God's Word is the "substance" in the Word we have heard - joy, peace, direction, etc.  
- just like the harvest of a corn seed is corn - the substance in the seed.
  - 4. The Word has the substance of everything we need in life and for Godliness. 2Peter 1:3

**Congratulations!** You completed this lesson. Now go to the website and take the exam and then take the next lesson.

