

STUDY THE BIBLE 5a (STB-5a)
"THE TWO ESSENTIAL KEYS FOR PROPER BIBLE STUDY"

1. Distinguish between the 3 groups written to - **JEW**, the **GENTILE**, and the **CHURCH**
2. Know the **DISPENSATIONS** – each beginning with opportunity but ending in failure.
 Failure with the above two, may see you in hell.

First, fervently pray to God "Dear God, I must have the truth, all of the truth and nothing but the truth, at any cost. I give up all reputation, friends, careers, Greek, Hebrew, the scholars and money, but I must have your knowledge, understanding and revelation of your word, the English King James Bible. Without your help - I am lost. Amen"

The following points do not have full explanations, and are simply stated to give an overall picture and general direction, for New Testament Bible study.

Next, crippling, spiritual and Nicolaitane bondage (Rev 2:6) comes from not rightly dividing the word. All the cults, Rome, the apostate and the backslidden religious, get their false doctrines from Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, 1st, 2nd, 3rd John, Acts, Hebrews, James, 1,2 Peter, Jude, Revelation, and of course the Old Testament.

Christians get their doctrine from Paul found in Romans, 1&2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Timothy, Titus and Philemon. All of the Bible is true, correct historical and spiritual, but may not apply as Christian doctrine. All else, including the Old Testament, are for different dispensations, past or future.

Next, when Paul writes the book of Hebrews, he is **not** writing to Christians, but to the Jew, who is attracted to Jesus Christ as he was on earth as the Messiah. With Christ having died, they are undecided if they should have him as Saviour. Paul's theme is "Have Jesus the Saviour and not just Jesus the Messiah"

Next, Paul asserts "Be ye **followers of me**, even as I also am of Christ." (1Cor 11:1) and "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, **do...**" (Phil 4:9). "...**my doctrine**" (2Tim 3:10) "...**my gospel**" (Rom 2:16). Paul is the final and chief of all apostles. Peter **HAD** the gospel for the circumcised and Paul for the uncircumcised. However all must have the gospel of Paul now.

Next, don't just use the King James Bible, but believe that it is God's final written authority to man - perfect, preserved, inspired, infallible and inerrant. This will be a step of faith for every reader and those that would study the Bible.

Next, discard completely any reference to the "originals", "the Greek" and "the Hebrew" by any commentator who promotes these. See next point.

Next, be aware that all error comes from **1.** Adding words **2.** Subtracting words **3.** Changing and substituting words **4.** Taking words and verses out of context **5.** Allowing unclear words and passages to explain clear words and passages **6.** Bowing to commentators and scholarship **7.** Going to the "Greek" or "Hebrew" to change the meanings of the King James Bible words

Next, know the difference between the Jews, the church and the Gentile (1Cor 10:32) and which book is written to which group.

Next, know the difference between 1. The kingdom of heaven vs kingdom of God (See Study the Bible number 7 on Matthew) 2. The new testament vs the new covenant 3. The day of Christ vs the day of the Lord 4. The Son of man vs the Son of God 5. The rapture vs the 2nd advent 6. The gospel vs the gospels.

Next, know that in **Acts** there are two ways to get saved, Peter's and Paul's, but Peter's has been made obsolete (out of date) by Paul who is the first to preach "believe + nothing else" in Acts 13:39.

Next, know that the book of **James** seems to “contradict” Paul, as it seems to have a mixture of works and faith. He writes to the 12 tribes not to the churches as Paul does. James is written six years before Paul puts pen to paper with his first book of Galatians, and so he does not come across with the clarity of the Pauline doctrine of the kingdom of God. Paul says “Believe, with no works needed, and you’ll be saved”, as the jailer says to Paul “...Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,...” (Acts 16:30-31). The books of James, Acts, Matthew & Hebrews are traps for the unlearned.

Next, know that **Matthew** is written to Jews with mostly kingdom of heaven doctrine, although the kingdom of God is mentioned. When they died, the Jews, having rejected Christ and his kingdom of heaven on earth, went to Abraham’s bosom, and not heaven. Today, when a Christian dies, he goes straight to heaven.

Next, Mark and Luke write the gospels of **Mark** and **Luke** in AD 58 and AD 60. This is 20 years after Matthew writes the gospel of Matthew. As Matthew addresses the Jews, he stresses the kingdom of heaven and not the kingdom of God. Matthew’s account shows that Jesus did not die till Matthew 27, and so it would not have made any sense for Jesus to preach about believing on his shed blood to the Jews.

No, at that time, the Jewish dispensation of animal sacrifices for the remission (not redemption) of sins was still in force. They never had eternal security like we do today. They needed daily sacrifices to just cover their sins, while all the time, believing in Jesus to fulfil the law on their behalf. We have the final sacrifice of Jesus’ blood to wash away our sins (Rev 1:5). For both Mark and Luke, having spent many years with Paul, whose message was the kingdom of God, it would not make much sense for either Mark or Luke to spend much time on the kingdom of heaven doctrine, which had been covered more than adequately in Matthew.

Next, there are the **four gospels** of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John for a particular reason. They seem to have little bits that contradict each other. Put it this way, if four people see a car accident, they will have four different accounts of what happened. The same accident but four seemingly different stories, but all are true.

So it is with the four gospels being about the life of one man, Jesus Christ. The four accounts are 100% correct but each seem to have different details. But as lawyers and judges know, the apparent inconsistencies, when reconciled, prove the truth. It is these ‘irregularities’ of seeming contradictory evidence, when pieced together, prove the truth.

Next, although John writes about Christ on earth as a man, the Son of man, he tells more of Jesus Christ as **Son of God**. Without getting too simplified, Matthew, Mark and Luke tell of the **history** of Christ, while **John** gives more of the **mystery** of Christ. Unbelievers and false Christians hate John’s gospel the most out of the four, as it is written to counteract all the heresies surrounding Jesus Christ eg Jesus was just a god, not God; he was half-man and half-God and so on.

Next, the books of **Romans** and Galatians are a pair, with Romans having the pure doctrine of salvation to be had before the cross, that is, saved by **grace without works**. **Galatians**, is the doctrine to be had after salvation, and this **security of salvation** is also to be had by **grace without works**.

Next, the books of Ephesians and Colossians are a pair, with **Ephesians about the ‘body’** of the church. **Colossians** about the **‘head’** of the church being Jesus Christ.

Next, be wary of getting Christian doctrine out of Peter 1&2, James or John and John 1,2,3 although they were trusted apostles.

Next, although the book of the Acts of the Apostles is in the New Testament, and is written after the shed blood of the cross, it is in **TWO HALVES**. The first half had Peter preaching to the men of Israel, and following events, Paul takes over in the 2nd half, when he preaches the pure gospel starting with his 1st trip.

**CHRIST HAS THE ONE THEME – THE 2ND COMING OF CHRIST!
The Bible falls into 5 GROUPS**

Preparing for Christ	Christ for the Jew	Christ for the world	Christ explained	Christ reigns
Old Testament	The Gospels	Acts of Apostles	The Epistles	The 2ndComing
Genesis	Matthew	Acts	Romans	Revelation
Exodus	Mark		1&2 Corinthians	
Leviticus	Luke		Galatians	
Numbers	John		Ephesians	
Deuteronomy			Philippians	
Judges			Colossians	
Kings and Prophets			1&2 Thessalonians	
			1&2 Timothy	
			Titus	
			Philemon	
			Hebrews	

Genesis is the book of **beginnings**

Exodus is the book of **deliverance**

Leviticus is the book of **worship**

Numbers is the book of **wanderings & failures**

Deuteronomy is the book of **warnings & instructions**

<p>JESUS CHRIST called the Word and therefore writes the words</p>	<p>Jesus Christ CONCEALED OLD TESTAMENT 39 books</p>	<p>Jesus Christ "WAS"</p>	<p>Jesus Christ "CAME" Genesis to Malachi 39 books</p>
	<p>Jesus Christ REVEALED NEW TESTAMENT 27 books</p>	<p>Jesus Christ "IS"</p>	<p>Jesus Christ "DID COME" Matthew, Mark, Luke, John The Gospels 4 books</p>
			<p>Jesus Christ "DEPARTED" 2,000 years – the "church" age Acts 1book Romans to Hebrews 14 books James, 1-2, Peter, 1-3 John, Jude 7 books</p>
	<p>Jesus Christ "IS TO COME"</p>	<p>Jesus Christ "WILL COME AGAIN" The Revelation 1 book</p>	

The Bible is, by far, the most **published** and widely **distributed** of all books ever written.

The Bible was the **first book** to be printed with Gutenberg's printing press.

The Bible is the most **provoking** and **baffling** of all books when it comes to study.

Most non-believers claim to have read the Bible – which they haven't.

Most non-believers claim to know what it says – which they don't.

Even sincere believers soon 'give up' from serious effort to master the contents of the Bible.

No verse or part of scripture is separate from its place in the whole of the Bible.

All verses are **connected** to each other. One verse will lead to another, then another, then another & so on.

Each book, chapter, verse and word form a necessary part of the Bible, and has its appointed place.

The Bible is **one book** not separate books.

The Bible has **one author**. There about 44 writers.

The Bible tells of **one God**.

God is **consistent** about himself and the revealing of himself.

There are **no contradictions** about God in the Bible.

The Bible is **one** continuous story.

The Bible has the most **unlikely** prophecies about the future.

With the passing of centuries, **all prophecies are fulfilled** concerning their time & recorded descriptions.

The mighty empires of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia and Greece all rose and **fell as foretold** in the Bible.

The Bible is a **progressive unfolding** of truth where nothing is told all at once, or once and for all.

It's like a tree – first the seed, then the shoot, then the young sapling, then the full grown tree.

The Bible has **one theme** – the person and work, past and future, of Jesus Christ.

The Bible has 44 writers, on 3 continents, over 4,000 years, giving a **perfect harmony** of unfolding doctrine.

The **collusion** (the getting together) between writers, centuries apart, would have been **impossible**.

Each book is **complete** in itself, with its **own theme** and analysis eg Genesis = the book of beginnings

All heresies are Bible truths meant for another dispensation and time.

The Bible must be interpreted **literally**.

The Bible is 100% **historical** and **factual**.

The King James Bible, also known as The Authorized Bible, is **infallible, inerrant, inspired and preserved**.

Where symbols are used, there are to be understood within their **context** and meaning.

There are **no myths or legends** in the Bible.

Miracles defy human explanation, and are simply as **facts**.

Miracles **cannot** be explained by science. Miracles occur outside of the laws of science.

The attempt to explain creation with science is **not** possible.

Science can only deal with the physical and created world, **after** it has been created.

All **prophecy** is **literal**. Prophecy foretells, it doesn't predict.

The Bible is **not a "lucky dip"**, where isolated verses are taken and interpreted out of their context.

The Bible is the **oldest** book in the world.

Moses wrote the first 5 books about 3,500 years ago.

There are older written records such as "The book of the Generations of Adam" (Gen 5:1)

No other written records exist of the continuous genealogy from Adam to Christ spanning 4,000 years.

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