

## **What We Believe: The Word**

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The Bible is a literary masterpiece composed of 66 different books, written by approximately 40 different men over a time span of approximately 1,500 years that perfectly weaves together a narrative that has literally transformed the entire world. It starts in the beginning not with a big bang, but with a person, the Almighty God. "In the beginning God". It ends with the expression of that person's heart. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

The Scriptures are not a collection of the wisdom and insights of men. They are God's truth, His own Word in His own words.

Just as the ten commandments were penned by the very finger of God, this Word, was penned by the fingers of men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Bible is God's Word written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living.

The Bible is an expression of the heart of God to his world. It is the story of God's greatest creation, "man" and his journey through history. It is the story of a Father who loves his Son and wants to find a perfect and beautiful and spotless for his Son.

**John 1:1** In the very beginning, the Living Expression was already there. And the Living Expression was with God, yet fully God.

- They were together ---face-to-face, in the very beginning.
- And through His creative inspiration this living Expression made all things, for nothing has existence apart from him.
- Life came into being because of Him, for His life is light for all humanity.

**2 Timothy 3:15-16** You have been taught the Holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.

- All scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and make us realize what is wrong with our lives.

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow.

- It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

The word of God, if allowed will have a profound impact on your life. If allowed this word will impact your thinking, it will impact your decisions, it will impact your morals, it will impact your actions, it will impact your finances, it will impact your health, but most importantly it will impact your heart.

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**This Book is a:**

- Book of Principles for Living
- Book of Promises
- Book of Prophecy
- Book of Truth
- Book of Treasures
- Book for YOU

*“The Bible is not an option; it is a necessity. You cannot grow spiritually strong without it.” – Billy Graham*

*“Pray and read, read and pray; for a little from God is better than a great deal from men.” – John Bunyan*

*“Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years. – Charles Spurgeon*

*“With the scripture, there is a balm for every wound, a salve for every sore.” – Charles Spurgeon*

*“The Bible was meant to be read by those in love. It’s sad when it is not.” – Bill Johnson*

*“Bible study without Bible experience is pointless.” – Bill Johnson*

*“Read the Word of God. Consume the Word of God until it consumes you. Believe the Word of God. Act on the Word of God.” – Smith Wigglesworth*

**WHO IS HE?** (Saint Sharbel Church - Raleigh, NC)

*In Genesis, He is the seed of the woman.*

*In Exodus, He is the Passover Lamb.*

*In Leviticus, He is our High Priest.*

*In Numbers, He is a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.*

*In Deuteronomy, He is the prophet like unto Moses.*

*In Joshua, He is the captain of our salvation.*

*In Judges, He is our judge and lawgiver.*

*In Ruth, He is our kinsman redeemer.*

*In I and II Samuel, He is our trusted prophet.*

*In Kings and Chronicles, He is our reigning king.*

*In Ezra, He is our faithful scribe.*

*In Nehemiah, He is the rebuilders of the broken-down walls of human life.*

*In Ester, He is our Mordecai.*

*In Job, He is our ever-living redeemer.*

*In Psalms, He is our shepherd.*

*In Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, He is our wisdom.*

*In Song of Solomon, He is the lover and the bridegroom.*

*In Isaiah, He is the prince of peace.*

*In Jeremiah, He is the righteous branch.*

*In Lamentations, He is the weeping prophet.*

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*In Ezekiel, He is the wonderful four-faced man.*  
*In Daniel, He is the fourth man walking in the midst of the burning fiery furnaces of life.*  
*In Hosea, He is the husband forever married to the backslider.*  
*In Joel, He is the mighty baptizer in the Holy Spirit.*  
*In Amos, He is my burden bearer.*  
*In Obadiah, He is mighty to save.*  
*In Jonah, He is God's great foreign missionary.*  
*In Micah, He is the messenger of beautiful feet.*  
*In Nahum, He is the avenger of God's elect.*  
*In Habakkuk, He is God's evangelist, crying, "Revive thy work in the midst of the years."*  
*In Zephaniah, He is our Savior.*  
*In Haggai, He is the restorer of the lost heritage of Israel.*  
*In Zechariah, He is the fountain opened up on the house of David for sin and uncleanness.*  
*In Malachi, He is the Son of Righteousness arisen with healing in His wings.*  
*In Matthew, He is the Messiah.*  
*In Mark, He is the wonder worker.*  
*In Luke, He is the Son of God.*  
*In Acts, He is the mighty baptizer in the Holy Ghost.*  
*In Romans, He is my justifier.*  
*In Corinthians, He is my sanctifier.*  
*In Galatians, He is the redeemer from the curse of the law.*  
*In Ephesians, He is the Christ of unsearchable riches.*  
*In Philippians, He is the God that supplies all my needs.*  
*In Colossians, He is the fullness of the godhead bodily.*  
*In I and II Thessalonians, He is my soon-coming King!*  
*In I and II Timothy, He is the mediator between God and man.*  
*In Titus, He is my faithful pastor.*  
*In Philemon, He is the friend that sticketh closer than a brother.*  
*In Hebrews, He is the blood of the everlasting covenant.*  
*In James, He is our Great Physician.*  
*In I and II Peter, He is my good shepherd.*  
*In I John, He is love.*  
*In II John, He is love.*  
*In III John, He is love.*  
*In Jude, He is the Lord coming with 10,000 of His saints.*  
*In Revelation, He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.*